

ALL THE 1978/79 FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

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**Can Forest
beat last
season's
achievements?**

We ask
players
from rival
clubs

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Leeds midfield star Brian Flynn clears the ball despite the challenge from John Robertson of Nottingham Forest.

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Evans in Aussie

ALUN EVANS (left), one of the early golden boys of English soccer, has now moved to Australia to join the South Melbourne club, Hellas.

Hellas have paid Walsall about £10,000 for Evans, who could not agree terms with the Third Division club at the end of last season.

Evans, the first teenager ever to command a £100,000 transfer when sold by Wolves to Liverpool, had a good season for Walsall and scored a superb goal against Leicester City which knocked the First Division side out of the F.A. Cup.

This is one of the few deals in which an English player has been transferred to Australia for a fee.

Ironically, Walsall were involved in a transfer in the opposite direction a few years ago when they paid Auburn about £1,000 for the former Leeds and Wolves player, Chris Crowe.

A SMALL football club near Lima (Peru) have found a way to solve their financial difficulties.

All stray pigs and cattle found on their premises are slaughtered and the meat sold.

This "windfall" has enabled the club almost to completely re-equip the team and stadium.

JOHN Stirk, Watford's recent £30,000 signing from Ipswich Town, has played European football against the great Johan Cruyff.

Defender John made eight first team appearances for Ipswich last season, including the U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round, first-leg game against Barcelona.

THE BANKIES' ENGLISH FAN

OFFICE worker and railway fan Peter Avery lives in Sutton Coldfield, right on the doorstep for following Birmingham's big city giants Aston Villa and City.

But Englishman Peter only has time for one football club — lowly Scottish side Clydebank.

He saw a 90-second clip about the club on television once and decided: "They are going to be my team."

Peter kept his word and followed them all last season, getting up at 6 a.m. on Saturday mornings to catch the train to Glasgow to watch The Bankies in action. He has to leave Kilbowie Park right after the final whistle and often does not get home until midnight.

The train fare alone costs him £13-plus a time — but, as a railway enthusiast, he enjoys the journeys, too. And he likes watching Scottish football for two reasons.

One because he feels Scottish sides are more interested in winning and not just avoiding defeat — and he reckons he can stand on the terracings North of the border in complete safety.

● Middlesbrough will have a new-style shirt next season. Manager John Neal says: "The players were not happy with the broad white band. They all wanted a change."

UNRULY RABBIT

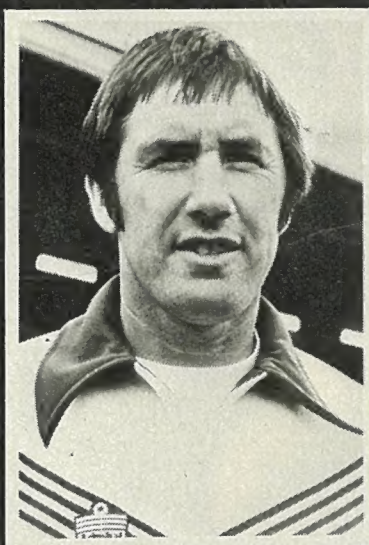
WE hear a lot about pitch invasions from unruly fans — unfortunately — and even dogs have held up play at games. But a rabbit?

Well, it did happen in a match between Scottish Division Two side Brechin City and Clyde at Brechin's Glebe Park ground last season. A tiny brown rabbit suddenly raced on to the pitch and held up the game while players and crowd alike roared with laughter.

World Cup referee John Gordon solved the problem — by showing the break-in bunny the yellow card! It scampered off the pitch, and disappeared. But there is no truth in the rumour Brechin are thinking of changing the name of their ground to ... Watership Down.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART



WHAT AN unbelievable welcome back to the First Division for Keith Burkinshaw (above) as Spurs came out of the computer with their August 19 kick-off against Brian

A TOUGH KICK-OFF FOR SPURS

Clough's League Champions Nottingham Forest!

It couldn't possibly be a tougher entry into the red hot atmosphere of

First Division football.

There can be little doubt 'Manager-of-the-Year' Brian Clough will attempt to create a match-winning feeling for his team as they will more than likely parade the League Championship and probably the Charity Shield before a wildly enthusiastic crowd.

No wonder Burkinshaw said: "It's one hell of an opening for us," when he heard the news.

But Spurs know quite a bit about life in the First Division. After all they spent a marvellous 27 years unbroken run there before they were relegated at the end of 1976-77.

Spurs prepare for that clash with Forest with four tough-looking pre-season friendlies all away from home.

The run down is Aberdeen (Aug 5), Royal Antwerp (Aug 8), a Dutch side (Aug 10), and Bohemians (Aug 12). That should certainly prepare Spurs for facing Forest at the City Ground.

And if they can survive against Forest they will be at home to Aston Villa four days later with the chance of making it a happy return to the Division where they belong.

"New" Molineux

WOLVES, with bold imagination, have decided to ahead with an ambitious scheme to completely rebuild Molineux at an estimated cost of £10 million.

Harry Marshall (below), Wolves' chairman, said: "We have been given a great deal of assistance by the council who now recognise the urgency of our case."

"The first phase of the project has already started. This one stand will cost us £2 million and if we have delayed the operation for 12 months we estimate that the cost would have gone up a further quarter of a million pounds."

"We have funds for the first phase with the assistance of the banks but it is obvious we need the support of our fans in the future."

The scheme will also involve moving the pitch some 25 yards at the end of next season when the new stand will be ready for use at the start of the 1979-80 campaign.

An important feature of this new ground will be that 30,000 spectators will be seated and only 10,000 standing.

It will also be the first soccer stadium of this size to be built in Britain for the last 40 years.



WHEN the League of Ireland campaign kicks-off next week, nine players will be on the sidelines. The nine are the first to suffer under the carry forward system for disciplinary suspensions incurred late in the previous season.

Drogheda's Ray McGuigan will miss the first three games, while two player-managers will miss two. Noel O'Mahoney of Cork Alberts and John Herrick of Limerick will command their charges from the dug-out, while Jackie Bailey (Shelbourne), Terry Daly (Athlone Town), and John Delomere (Sligo Rovers) will also sit out the first two matches of the 1978-79 campaign.

NINE OUT

WORLD Cup referee Pat Partridge (Cockfield) turned down a whistle-stop tour of the United States on his return from Argentina. After a hectic season the 44-year-old dairy farmer preferred to return home to the North-East. "I might go next summer — if I get the chance," says the official who at one time was tipped for the Argentina-Holland Final.

FORMER Arsenal, Fulham and England hard-man, Peter Storey was ordered off the field while playing for Newington Green in a five-a-side tournament at the Finsbury Leisure Centre recently, for arguing with one of his own team-mates.

SEVEN-UP DAVE!

EX-NORTHERN Ireland player-boss Dave Clements' sacking as coach to North American League outfit Colorado Caribous climaxed his reign with his seventh senior club.

Apart from winning nine youth, one amateur, three Under-23 and 48 full Irish caps, midfielder Dave campaigned as a player with Portadown, Wolves, Coventry City, with whom he gained a Division Two Championship medal, in 1967, Sheffield Wednesday, Everton and Cosmos, where he teamed-up with the immortal Pele.

Andy Gray Trophy

ASTON Villa and Scotland striker Andy Gray has presented a special trophy to the youngsters of Stormoway, who don't get much chance of seeing top-class football.

The Andy Gray Trophy will be played for annually by clubs on the island, which the free-scoring striker often visits to see his grandfather.

PS: Villa fans have come up with an amusing banner for their idol. It says: "Even Grecian 2000 can't stop Gray!"

SWOP

MORTON and St Johnstone have done a player swop. Midfield man, Bobby Thomson, has left Saints for Greenock, and full-back, Tom McNeil has gone North to Perth. Both players are 23-years-old.

QUEEN of the South have appointed Willie Hunter, the former Motherwell and Scotland forward, as their new boss. Hunter, who has been assistant-manager of Portsmouth for the last three years, succeeds Mike Jackson who has gone to Cappielow to assist Morton boss Benny Rooney.

ALL CHANGE AT YORK

NEW-LOOK York City — they nearly signed a whole new team during the close-season — should get plenty of good service out of David Loggie (right), the striker from Burnley who was number seven on their shopping list.

Morpeth-born David scored 73 goals in 19 games for St. Benedict's Under-16 side and had the opportunity of signing for several League clubs.

And on top of that he had one season in youth football as a goalkeeper and full-back and then three in midfield before settling down as a striker.

He comes from good footballing stock. His great uncle, Alex MacDonald, used to play for Motherwell.

Loggie, who joined Burnley in July, 1973, and turned professional 11 months later, found his opportunities very limited at Turf Moor.

But now the 21-year-old ex-Ashington player means to see that the £20,000 York paid for him is money well spent.

He only needs to find that old goal-touch again and York will be more than pleased as they make what will be a bold battle to get out of the Fourth Division.



Spurs kick-off the coming season with a tough away game against League Champions Nottingham Forest (dark strip).



STEVE Cooper, the 22-year-old striker, once rated by Brian Clough, starts the new season intent on setting the Fourth Division alight and making a name for himself at Football League level.

It was back in 1974 when Clough, then manager of Brighton, signed Cooper from Worcestershire club Old Swinford after he had played for England in an Under-18 international at Brighton. Cooper then drifted to Southern League Stourbridge. He joined Torquay last March.

HOME FARM, the League of Ireland's amateurs, continue to lose their best players. Terry Evison has joined Bohemians and Shelbourne have signed Dan Heffernan and Fred Mulvaney.

TAKING STEPS

LEEDS UNITED defender Peter Hampton (right) is determined to make a big impression on the new Elland Road manager.

So determined he booked in at a holiday hotel in Corfu simply because it had a lot of steps!

The 23-year-old full-back, who missed much of last season with a knee injury, said: "I did three days a week extra training during the close-season, mainly running up and down the terraces, to strengthen my knee and it has worked wonders."

"My old boss, Jimmy Armfield, never seemed to be too keen to put me in his first team, but I'm hoping my position will alter with the change of manager."



SCOTLAND and Rangers striker Derek Johnstone kicked-off a new life recently when he married 22-year-old Marion Wilson. Appropriately, Derek wore a Blue velvet suit, the colours of his club and country.

● More about superstitious managers ... West Brom boss Ron Atkinson always wears a beige suit at important matches — and his wife Margaret pins her faith on a black dress.

ONE of the greatest Arsenal players of all time — that's Liam Brady, according to former Highbury idol Laurie Scott.

Scott, one-time captain of both Arsenal and England and a member of The Gunners' 1950 F.A. Cup-winning side, says: "We had some great players around in my day, including the brilliant little Scot, Jimmy Logie. But Liam is one of the best players I have ever seen."

CRAIG Brown, manager of Clyde, is quite a dab hand with the pen — as an author.

Craig, a college lecturer, has already written a textbook for schoolteachers and a book to help illiterate adults with their reading and writing difficulties.

SHEFFIELD Wednesday manager Jackie Charlton has appointed former Manchester United player Maurice Setters to his coaching staff.



Peter Shilton — Footballer of the Year — besieged in Hamleys Sports & Leisure! All the young customers had great fun shooting at goal, trying to get the ball past Peter. Just ten out of the huge crowd succeeded and won themselves Hamleys Sports & Leisure T-shirts.

'DARLINGTON — NO JOKE'

AT one time Darlington managers moaned they had no money to spend on new players. Peter Madden cannot make that excuse.

Yet the former Rotherham centre-half is finding it just as difficult to sign new players. Two record club bids of £15,000 never really got off the ground. One player even joined another club for less money because he would not move to the North-East.

A frustrated Madden says: "Darlington used to be regarded as a joke in professional football. It is difficult to live down. Yet the club are now progressive and ambitious. Everyone is prepared to work hard — and offer players attractive terms — to put the club on the map."

World Cup League Ranking The Finals — 1930-1978

Basis: win 10pts; Second 6pts; Third 4pts; Fourth 2pts.

Brazil	46	1st
Germany	38	2nd
Italy	28	3rd
Uruguay	24	4th
Argentina	16	5th
Czechoslovakia	12	6th
Hungary	12	6th
Holland	12	6th
Sweden	10	9th
England	10	9th
Yugoslavia	6	11th
Austria	6	11th
Spain	4	12th
France	4	12th
Chile	4	12th
Portugal	4	12th
Poland	4	12th
U.S.A.	4	12th
USSR	2	13th

(For 1930 — U.S.A. and Yugoslavia awarded joint 3rd place)

SOCCER IN THE STATES

PHILADELPHIA may be one of the most historic cities in America, but its architecture doesn't impress Fury's former England star Alan Ball (below).

Said Alan: "It's a bit like Leeds." The Southampton midfielder isn't all that struck with the changes the Americans have made to the rules, either.



MIKE Flanagan 5, California Surf 2... that was the outcome of the Surf's recent match against the New England Tea Men. Mike's five goals equalled the record number of goals scored by a player in a game. He also hit four goals in an earlier match this season.

The Charlton and England B striker is now out to break another record... for the most goals in a season.

At the time of going to Press, Mike had 28, needing just three to set a new high.

TULSA Roughnecks hope to persuade Glentoran duo Billy Caskey and Vic Moreland to join them on a permanent basis.

The skill and artistry of the talented Glentorians, on loan to Roughnecks for the summer term, has impressed officials of the latter club and a transfer deal looks a distinct possibility in the not-too-distant future.

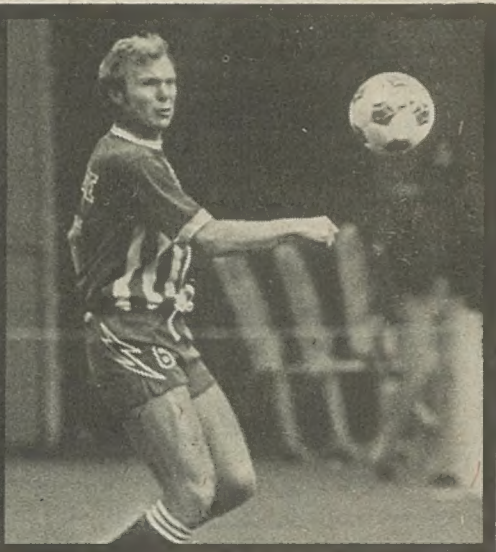
SEATTLE hope the signing of former England skipper Bobby Moore will swing a desperate play-offs battle in their favour.

The Sounders are out of the running for the top two places in the National Conference Western Division, which will guarantee a place in the play-offs.

But they're still a chance of making it as one of the two "wild cards."

Moore has linked up with his ex-West Ham team-mate Harry Redknapp in Seattle. He's the club's reserve team coach.

● Bobby in action for San Antonio during his previous spell in America.



CONFUSION

GEORGE Best now has as many red cards as goals this season. He was sent-off for fighting in Fort Lauderdale's match with Toronto... his third early bath this term.

Best's performances did, however, spark the Strikers to five successive wins and the sending-off produced the Quote of the Week from his coach Ron Newman.

Said Newman: "It was a silly thing to happen. There were only two minutes to go in the game and there was some commotion going on. During the confusion, a Toronto lad ran face-first into George's fist."

Chief Ref

AMERICAN players may still be struggling to make the first teams of clubs in the States, but at least the Yanks are proving they can blow a whistle as well as anybody else.

Around 30 per cent of referees are now home grown. Eddie Pearson, NASL director of officials says: "When I first came here in 1967 there were very few American referees."

Pearson, a former Football League ref, was promoted to Chief Referee of the NASL in 1968 and took over as director of officials a year later.

He's responsible for training, hiring, discipline and assigning referees to matches.

CRUYFF FOR AZTECS?



THE great Johan Cruyff is still being talked of as a possible starter in the NASL next season.

The Cosmos are the long-time favourites to sign the Dutchman, but there's now a rumour his destination might be the sunny West Coast.

Rinus Michels, Cruyff's former international boss, was spotted at recent Los Angeles Aztecs games.

The story is Cruyff will sign for Aztecs... if Michels also gets the manager's job.

COSMOS versus WORLD CHAMPS

THE Cosmos' match with Argentina last month was called off, but the club are still hoping to face the World Champions.

Coach Eddie Firmani said: "It seems Argentina didn't have enough players available for the July game but there's a good chance we'll play them at the end of the season."

"I hope so. It will be a sell out and a good opportunity for us to show the world what we can do."

"My owners asked if there was any hope of us beating the Argentinians and I told them if everyone played up to his potential, there was."

Cosmos are already the most hated side in the States — as far as other clubs go, of course, if they regain the title this summer and then encore with a win over Argentina, their rivals just won't be able to take it.

WE-DON'T-WISH-TO-KNOW-THAT DEPT: The statistics-mad Americans have now discovered the team scoring first in a game is five times more likely to win than their opponents. They've further worked out the team leading at half-time is nine times more likely to win.

KEEPING SAFE

SAN Diego goalkeeper Alan Mayer is so fed up with getting kicked in the head diving at forwards' feet he's now taken to wearing a helmet.

Fortunately, for opponents, it's only made of foam rubber and despite misgivings in some quarters, no referee has ordered Mayer to take it off yet.

Says the 'keeper: "I must have been concussed about nine times in my career so when I saw the helmet in a sports store, I decided to give it a try."

"It gets a little hot during a game, but it's given me a lot more confidence."

The only problem is when Mayer dives in between a group of players, the headgear sometimes flies off, which can be confusing to say the least.

North American League

(up to and including July 6)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	G	A	B	Pts
Cosmos	17	4	65	26	47	149
Washington	12	10	40	34	37	109
Rochester	10	12	32	33	32	92
Toronto	10	11	36	32	29	89

Central Division

Tulsa	12	10	38	37	35	107
Dallas	12	9	35	29	34	106
Minnesota	11	9	34	32	34	100
Colorado	6	17	25	49	24	60

Western Division

Portland	16	6	34	24	33	129
Vancouver	15	6	36	21	33	123
Seattle	10	12	31	31	31	91
Los Angeles	7	14	24	39	23	65

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

New England	14	7	32	23	35	119
Tampa Bay	13	9	42	35	38	116
Fort Lauderdale	12	10	37	42	34	106
Philadelphia	7	14	22	40	22	64

Central Division

Detroit	13	9	40	26	37	115
Houston	9	12	30	36	29	83
Memphis	7	14	30	40	28	70
Chicago	6	16	34	48	30	66

Western Division

San Diego	13	9	44	41	40	118
California	11	12	27	32	25	91
Oakland	10	11	25	37	22	82
San Jose	5	15	24	40	23	53

Teams get six points for a victory no points for a loss. A bonus point is awarded for each goal scored to a maximum of three per team per game.

Over Exposure

PAUL CANNELL, the ex-Newcastle striker now with Washington Diplomats, was suspended for ten days by the NASL.

Cannell, the Dips' top scorer with 29 points this season, dropped his shorts in a match against Tulsa.

Said the striker: "I was just trying to give the game some exposure."

Sounds like a tongue-in-cheek statement.

OAKLAND Stompers have been fined and had two bonus points deducted for using an ineligible player.

League commissioner Phil Woosnam said the club used loan player Ehud Ben-Tovim against Houston. But they hadn't signed him and agreed to let him go after the game. Under NASL rules, a loan player must stay with his club all season.



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Here the fantasy is turned into fact for these four players from Ipswich and Arsenal . . . well, for a few moments, anyhow.



LEFT . . . Just the ticket. Arsenal skipper Pat Rice certainly isn't pedestrian, but as a traffic warden he could be on the road to success.



LEFT . . . Mick Mills, the Ipswich captain, has always had a fancy for the Wild West. As long as he's released for England games, Ron Greenwood won't mind!

RIGHT . . . Gary Glitter? Not quite. Brian Talbot, the Ipswich midfielder, but he wouldn't score many goals in that strip!



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In our 14th January, 1978 issue SHOOT took a close look at the Goodison Park club and the reasons for their resurgence as real Championship contenders after several years of struggle and disappointment.

Then we asked if the good times were likely to last for The Blues under the shrewd management of Gordon Lee. Now we have the answer . . .



THE EVERTON REVIVAL IS STILL GOING ON



Young defender Mark Higgins is gaining experience all the time.



Manager Gordon Lee is hoping Everton can clinch a major honour in the coming season.

THIRD in the First Division last season, his club enter their centenary campaign. That's good — but not good enough for Everton manager Gordon Lee, as the determined, demanding boss of a club that refuses to settle for second best says: "After that improved form last season, you can do one of two things . . . sit back and say 'One more push' and we'll make it without doing anything extra' or 'Let's MAKE it happen by team building'.

"My way is the second way. I'm looking for a couple of players, another man in the back four and, possibly, a utility player.

"I'm not the kind of manager who believes situations will look after themselves. The straight forward fact about last season is we promised so often to deliver — but never quite did so in the end. In plain words, we were not good enough because we won nothing.

"If you take the easy way and accept from now on events will happen of their own accord, you are brushing dust under the carpet and pretending that it isn't there. And that's no answer."

At the turn of the year, SHOOT published an in depth analysis of the transformation at Goodison entitled "The Everton Revival". Now on the brink of a new season, we pick up the theme of the next steps back to glory by this mighty club of Merseyside.

In that article, we featured some comments from Coventry City skipper Terry Yorath whose side had just been slaughtered by six goals at the hands of the then rampaging Everton. In the return fixture as the season entered its last month, Coventry gained a 3-2 revenge.

That set-back came when Everton should have been crowding the pace on leaders Nottingham Forest and trying to force them to crack in the home straight but Yorath says: "I felt that some of their passion had died away.

"They started off for 20 minutes just as they had left off against us at Goodison Park some four months earlier. Bob Latchford scored a fine goal, they had another disallowed but then their effort fell away.

"When I made that first comment after our 6-0 defeat, I said Dave Thomas had to be the best buy of the

Everton (dark strip) were knocked out of the League Cup by Leeds last season.

Bob Latchford (left) is on hand to score Everton's first goal against Leicester City.



season. Well, four months later he had burnt himself out.

"I don't find that surprising. When they came to us they had scored 68 goals and Dave must have been responsible for having a share in two-thirds of them. He had a terrific season — but he needs some help. Maybe another winger so Everton can play 4-2-4 next season."

Then, without knowing the intentions of Lee, Yorath assessed Everton as "needing two or three players to stop being there or thereabouts without winning anything" — and arrived at exactly the same conclusion... "because I have the feeling they do not have the strength in depth."

These were almost identical words to those of Lee who has said: "I watched Ipswich and Aston Villa fail to obtain the results in the League last season that many of us thought they should have done."

"Thinking about their situations now, I believe a prime reason was their involvement in the U.E.F.A. Cup — which, of course, will concern us next season."

"These days you must have enough players to cope with extra competitions and conditions that range from firm grassed pitches to mud. Injuries you must be able to take in your stride and not make them the reason for failure."

Lee points to his own side's sudden dive when everything was "on" for them in January and February.

"Within the space of a couple of weeks, we lost some vital League points and went out of both the F.A. and League Cups. It was our only bad spell; it was caused by bad weather, injuries and congestion of fixtures. Those are difficulties you must have the right balance of players to overcome."

Yet Everton's revival is continuing. No one knows better than Jim King, public relations officer to the Supporters Club.

Earlier this year, he forecast: "There is magic here in the air again. Gordon Lee has made the supporters part of the team and the team part of the supporters."

Today he confirms: "I was right. You should have been there at Goodison for the last home game of the season. It was one of the most fabulous occasions of all time as the lads beat Chelsea by six goals and Bob Latchford scored the two he needed to reach his personal Everest summit of 30 goals."

"The crowd invaded the pitch to swamp the players with their congratulations. You could see the great days were back again."

King admits some of the enthusiasm "petered out" after those quickfire exits from both Cup competitions and the fatal blows in Everton's bid to snatch the Championship but says: "That finale, Bob's 30 goals landmark and the prospect of European football next season has generated the biggest rush of enthusiasm I can remember."

"The applications for membership of the Supporters Club are rolling in — and from places you can hardly believe. The other day there were a batch of forms from a village near to Leeds... Yorkshire of all places!"

"New members are coming from as far away as Poole in Dorset and towns in Devon. Our U.E.F.A. Cup draw against Finn Harps has worked wonders for our always large contingent of Irish fans. There is the feeling in Merseyside and far beyond one of Everton's great years is coming up."

That U.E.F.A. Cup place could grab the spotlight of European football right out of the hands of Liverpool. The European Cup holders failed to beat their First Round opponents, Forest, in any of their four clashes last season. If the team that deprived them of the League Championship now bounces them out of their European reign as well, the plum falls

FINALLY A WORD FROM



Skipper Mick Lyons: "I want to add one point to what I told SHOOT last time — this season coming we aim to do better. Coming third is not good enough. Not for us. Not in a centenary year."

"There was one highly significant point about our football last season and it directly affects our ambitions for the 1978-79 season. We did a survey at the club which showed most of our goals came in the last ten minutes of matches."

"That means our fitness is beyond doubt and the longer the game goes, the better we become."

"In terms of our overall performances last season the first target was consistency — without that you get nothing."

"We achieved it apart from the couple of patches that Gordon Lee has mentioned."

"In pre-season training, we've been working hard to make sure this season's form hits a high level and stays there. That team spirit I mentioned last time? Better than ever and that's the mood of Everton these days."

The confidence of skipper Lyons is reflected in the progress of Goodison Park youngsters like Andy King, Mark Higgins, David Jones and Billy Wright.

"They did really well last season: now, with that confidence behind them, all of them must get better," said Mick.

"Like every club we go into the 1978-79 season looking to win everything in sight but, in our heart of hearts, we know it would be brilliant to win the League Championship in Everton's centenary year."

into the lap of Everton.

"With the right blending of players, we can go for everything in sight," confirms Lee. "Our young players are gaining experience all the time — like, for instance, Mark Higgins who I talked about to SHOOT last time."

"After that article, Mark sustained an unfortunate injury and then was sent-off. Well, experience isn't just winning. Injuries and learning how not to become involved in trouble are part of the growing up process as well. He will have taken the lesson to heart."

"I see Mark and Billy Wright as Everton's established central-defensive partnership for years to come; David Jones came through brilliantly at full-back to open up his career; Trevor Ross and Andy King are top midfield quality for years ahead and, at 24 which is young for a goalkeeper, George Wood can become one of the great players in his position."

Andy King beats Nottingham Forest's Peter Withe to the ball.



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RIGHT now every club is busy preparing for the new season, going through their usual training routines or getting back to match-fitness with a pre-season tour.

Some clubs believe in really putting their players through the hoop in training, making them slog through long, arduous six-mile cross-country runs which are more like battle courses.

That's not the way at Liverpool. Here, manager Bob Paisley and the coaches believe in building us up gradually with exercises and jogging.

From the moment we reported back, on July 14th, we have concentrated mainly on restoring the tone to muscles which have slackened after a six-week lay-off.

Although the first few days were spent mainly getting ourselves fitted out with new kit.

And also talking over what we've been doing in the close season. I've bent a few ears regaling the lads with my experiences "Down Under" in Australia, TV commenting.

Whereas reporting back heavily over-weight is a bad thing, I find it beneficial to be carrying three or four extra pounds which I can shed comfortably without any ill effects to reach my playing weight.

I believe some clubs have insti-

**'Next season we'll
see more shooting
from long range'**

but things didn't improve much for him at Anfield initially.

He was played up-front, failed to fit into our system, and found himself languishing on the sidelines.

Then he realised one of the things working against him was he was too heavy, at between 13½-14 stone. I've never seen a player work so hard at rectifying that handicap. It was as though his life was at stake.

He slimmed down to 12 stone, was given a chance in a different position, being switched to mid-field, and has gone from strength to strength.

If we had an award for the most-improved player at Liverpool over the past few years, Ray would win it.

Not only has he helped us to two European Cup wins, but also earned himself a regular place in Ron Greenwood's new England squad.

Judging by the whole-hearted way Ray is applying himself to training right now, he's in for another tremendous season.

Unlike some clubs, Liverpool believe in bringing the ball out early on in pre-season training, but we're

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gated a system of fining players for being overweight: so much per pound of flesh. This doesn't happen at Liverpool, where they rely on players' pride to keep them in good shape.

One of the most effective ways of losing weight is to wear a sweat suit.

The only player in recent years with a weight problem was Ray Kennedy, after his transfer from Arsenal in July, 1974, for a then-club record fee of £200,000. Ray had become disenchanted at Highbury,

not allowed to go in for hard kicking or shooting.

The object is to get the "feel" of the ball again, by dribbling, doing some juggling or short passing.

Sometimes we're not allowed to start whacking it about until two or three days before our first competitive game.

For the first two weeks I mix in with the rest of the players, before joining the other 'keepers for some practice devised to suit our specialised position.

Johnny Rep (left, light strip) drove in the long-shot that stunned Scotland.

The coaches will have me going for crossed balls, saving shots and doing agility exercises in the penalty-box.

I'm sure coaches all over the country will be aiming to perfect in their players two things we saw in the World Cup Finals in Argentina. First, the long-range shooting. Remember the goal Holland's Johnny Rep scored that squashed the Scots' chances of staying in the competition?

And those fast, pinpoint series of one-two passes that players such as the Italians used to open up tight defences?

There are a few new faces around the club. Three lads from Ireland and one signing, Kevin Sheedy, from Hereford. I'll be talking more

after my stint in Australia as a TV panellist during the World Cup Finals.

The only energetic thing I did was to play a few rounds of golf, something which has helped me keep fit over the break.

Our next stop will be Switzerland, to play Basle, a completely unknown quantity to us. The only Swiss sides we've met in recent years are Servette, Martin Chivers' former club, in the European Cup-Winners' Cup competition in 1971 (we beat them 3-2 on aggregate) and in the 1976-77 European Cup Semi-Finals, we met FC Zurich and

won through on a 6-1 aggregate.

Then to Munich, for what could prove to be the highlight of the tour, to play Bayern Munich. A great deal of prestige is at stake. Bayern have held the European Cup three times in a row — a feat which we aim to emulate.

Next stop, Vienna. I don't know our opponents, as we were originally booked to go to Paris to meet St-Germain and for some reason we were switched.

After a day back at home we travel to Glasgow to play Celtic in a testimonial game for their long-serving boss, Jock Stein, who has now

moved "upstairs" to make way for Billy McNeill, a former captain who has had a spell managing Aberdeen.

The only previous occasion in which I've faced Celtic was, coincidentally, in a testimonial for Billy, which we drew 1-1.

At that time Celtic were a more feared side than now, but under the managerial duo of Big Jock and Billy they are surely due for a great revival.

It'll be nice to face the season with five wins under our belts. But it's not essential we do so. The object is to work on our team-work and pick up on August 19th where we left off last season.

I can remember a pre-season tour a few seasons ago in which we failed to win a single game, which some critics viewed as a portent of disaster.

We only went on to do a double of U.E.F.A. Cup and League Championship!

Ray Clemence



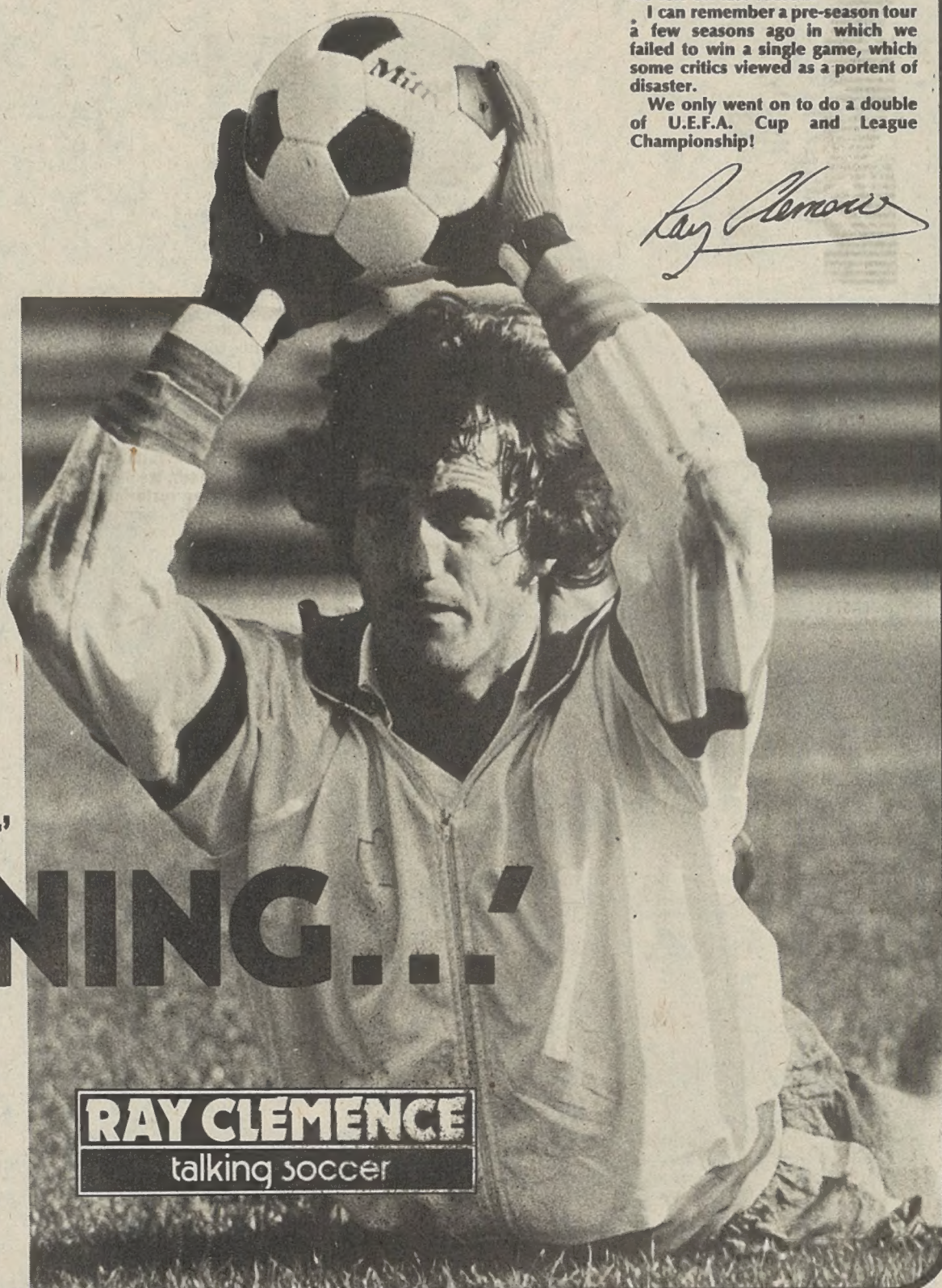
'Ray Kennedy had a weight problem — now he's our most-improved player'

TRAINING...

about them in a later column, reporting on their progress.

The final phase in our preparation for another season in which we'll be going for all the domestic trophies, and defending the European Cup, is a series of friendly matches.

The first, against a League of Ireland side in Dublin, will have been played by the time you read this. It'll be my second visit to the Emerald Isle within a month, for I spent a quiet, relaxing ten-day holiday in a hotel in County Wexford



RAY CLEMENCE
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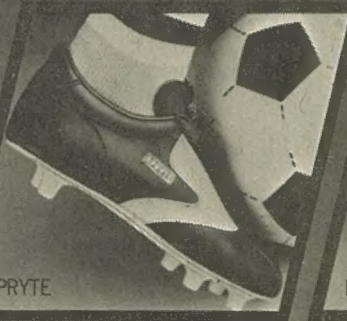
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Forest draw level with Liverpool

AS THE honours flowed for Nottingham Forest, to both the team and players, the Midland club chalked up another mark in the record book that has passed almost un-noticed.

The 24 goals the Forest defence conceded equalled the lowest goals-against total for the First Division.

Forest joined Liverpool, who had twice conceded only 24 goals in a League campaign. Their two totals came in the space of three seasons.

Liverpool set up the new "low" in the 1968-69 term when they finished six points behind Leeds United, whose 26 goals conceded that same season had already equalled the previous record figure set up by Huddersfield Town in the 1924-25 season for a 42-match programme.

In the Liverpool defence in 1968-69 were Tommy Lawrence in goal, Chris Lawler, Tommy Smith, Ronnie Yeats and Geoff Strong. Lawrence, Lawler and Smith were ever-present that season, while Yeats played 39 League games.

It was "Man Mountain" Yeats who was the central defender of the Anfield club and it was Bill Shankly who invited reporters attending his signing: "To come and have a tour around him."

Goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence played over 300 League games for Liverpool before handing over the position to Ray Clemence.

Geoff Strong has a parallel with Ray Kennedy, a current Liverpool

star, as he also came to Anfield via Arsenal.

Chris Lawler finished the 1977-78 season with Stockport County, while Tommy Smith is, of course, still with Liverpool.

Two years later, in 1970-71, Liverpool equalled their own 24-goal total. But the amazing fact about Liverpool that season was despite their great defensive record, the Anfield club could only finish fifth in the First Division.

The reason is very clear, however: Liverpool could only score 42 League goals, a goal a game, a mere 12 of them away from home.

Only Burnley, one of the relegated clubs from the First Division that season, scored fewer (nine). While Blackpool who finished bottom of the table equalled Liverpool's 12 away goals.

Forest can claim the best goal-difference in the three totals. In winning the First Division Championship, Brian Clough's wonders netted 69 goals, while Liverpool in 1968-69 scored 63 and that miserly 42 goals two seasons later.

The First Division is the toughest of them all, but let us finish with a special mention of Port Vale.

The club from The Potteries were relegated to the Fourth Division at the finish of the 1977-78 season. But in 46 games in the Third Division (North) in 1953-54 they conceded just 21 goals!

Only Southampton in 1921-22 have conceded so few in England, and that was in a 42-match programme.

Nottingham Forest (above, dark strip) beat Q.P.R. 2-0 . . . another clean sheet. Ron Yeats (below) was a tower of strength in the Liverpool defence.



LOWEST TOTALS IN ENGLAND

First Division

	Goals Ag.	Games	
Nottm. For.....	24	42	1977-78
Liverpool.....	24	42	1970-71
Liverpool.....	24	42	1968-69
Leeds U.....	26	42	1968-69

Second Division

Manchester Utd.	23	42	1924-25
Birmingham C.....	24	42	1947-48

Third Division

Bristol Rov.....	33	46	1973-74
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Fourth Division

Gillingham.....	30	46	1963-64
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Third (South)

Southampton.....	21	42	1921-22
Plymouth A.....	24	42	1921-22

Third (North)

Port Vale.....	21	46	1953-54
Rochdale	26	42	1923-24

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ABOVE, LEFT . . . Spurs' Glenn Hoddle lunges in and robs Sunderland's Bobby Kerr. The Rokerites won 3-2.
ABOVE . . . Terry Yorath of Coventry is beaten to the ball by Brian Williams of Q.P.R. (now Swindon).

ABOVE . . . Bolton midfield player Roy Greaves in high-kicking action.
RIGHT . . . Fulham's John Mitchell (centre, now Millwall) performs a soccer ballet with Kevin Bird of Mansfield Town (right).



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SUPPOSING . . . just supposing . . . every player in Britain had to have a transfer value written into his contract for the start of the new season. Then, we'd be able to determine the most expensive team in the country.

It won't happen, of course, but every player has his value, even if he's not available. Chelsea, for example, constantly deny their captain Ray Wilkins is for sale; yet if our columnist WAS put on the transfer market, he'd surely break the existing record of £500,000 held by Gordon McQueen.

So who are the most expensive players in Britain? We've chosen a team in 4-3-3 formation and selected one star for each role. Here is SHOOT's £6 million side. We've taken ages into consideration, which is why players such as Trevor Brooking (29) don't appear.

Ron Greenwood finds it difficult to choose between Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence for the England job; we found it as hard to make our selection. Shilton is the younger of the two at 28, which just gave him the edge.

Shilton had an exceptional season last time round and his shut-

out record went a long way towards helping Forest lift the Championship.

Peter's had his ups and downs, but now, with the League Champions, his future seems very bright indeed.

For right-back we chose Danny McGrain, assuming he proves his fitness after his long lay-off. Before his foot injury, McGrain was arguably the best full-back in the world and at 27, at his peak.

He's fast, quick in the tackle, reads the game well and is ever ready to join in attacks. If Celtic ever decided to sell their skipper, there would be no shortage of buyers, that's for sure.

Manchester United paid Leeds half a million pounds for Gordon McQueen earlier this year, making him our most expensive player. That's a title he'll almost certainly lose within the next year.

McQueen, 26, is probably the best stopper in Europe — what a pity a knee injury robbed him of the chance of proving himself the best central defender in the world in Argentina.

Next season, United fans will see the best of McQueen who, with Martin Buchan, forms possibly the most effective central defensive partnership in the League.

Buchan is 29, which puts him out of the reckoning for our team. Instead, we chose Kevin Beattie of Ipswich, six years younger. Beattie has been plagued by injuries, yet when fully fit is a tower of strength in defence and attack. He was superb in the F.A. Cup Final against Arsenal, allowing The Gunners' front-runners no room at all. Ipswich boss Bobby Robson

says that losing Beattie is like losing two players. If he shakes off his injury troubles, we can expect him to win back his place in the England side.

The best left-back we've seen in ages is West Brom's teenage Derek Statham. His club insured him for £400,000, which shows how highly they rate him. If he progresses as he has over the past year or so, Statham could go on to become one of Europe's top full-backs.

Inevitable

He'll be playing European club soccer this season, which will give him vital experience before his almost inevitable breakthrough into the full England set-up.

Liverpool paid Celtic £440,000 for Kenny Dalglish a year ago, but now he is worth much more. He was an instant hit in England, scor-

ing a goal-a-game for a golden spell.

Strangely, his international form has rarely matched that he shows in the League, but in domestic soccer, Dalglish is a superstar, who can play in midfield or up-front.

Chelsea's brilliant Ray Wilkins must be top of most managers' wanted-list . . . those who have around £700,000 to spend, that is.

At 21, he is an established England international, a delightful schemer with many of the hallmarks that made Johnny Giles such a fine player.

Hard-up Chelsea probably won't be able to hold on to Wilkins for much longer; if and when he goes some lucky club is going to have a potential world-class midfielder and even at £700,000 could prove to be a bargain if soccer's inflation keeps up its present rate.

Completing our midfield is Liam Brady, like Wilkins in his early 20's,

and, again like the Chelsea player, a midfielder who displays a vision far beyond his years.

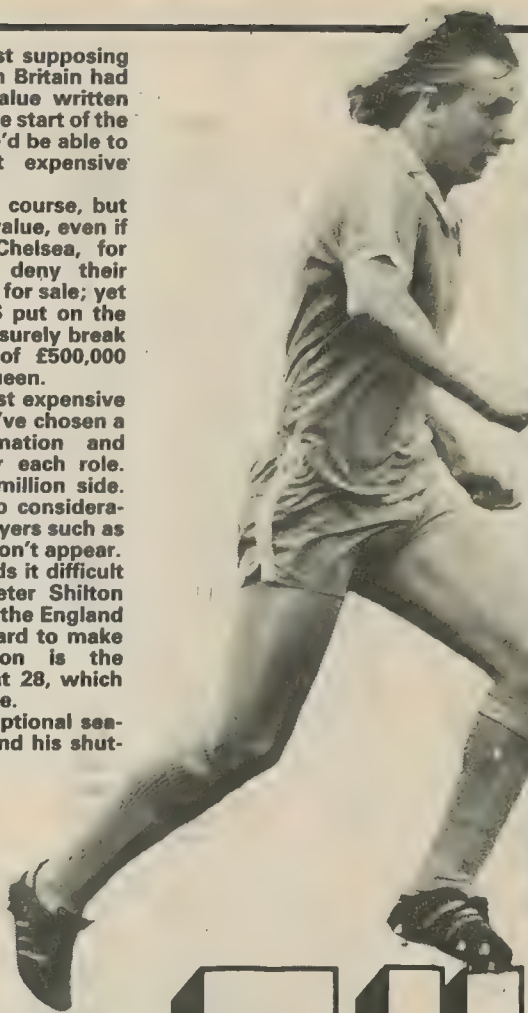
One of the most exciting stars in the First Division, Brady could be the player to upset England in the European Championship when they meet Eire.

We went to the Midlands for our main strikers . . . to Birmingham City and Aston Villa.

Birmingham have managed to keep Trevor Francis happy by letting him play in the United States this summer; one hopes, for the sake of the Blues' fans, the England striker isn't tired upon returning to Division One.

Although not a regular international, 25-year-old Francis has maintained a high standard in a side which has generally been struggling against relegation.

This is why he's wanted to further his career with a team challenging for honours, but now, with



Peter Barnes (far left) has enjoyed his extended run in the England side. Kevin Beattie (below, left) helped Ipswich Town to win last term's F.A. Cup Final.

OUR £6 MILLION



THE MOST VALUABLE TEAM IN THE LEAGUE

SHILTON £450,000			
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DALGLISH £650,000	WILKINS £700,000		BRADY £700,000
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TEAM

Great things are expected from West Brom's exciting young full-back Derek Statham (above). Liam Brady (right) Arsenal's tremendous midfield star.

Jim Smith at the helm, Birmingham and Trevor Francis could have a happier season in 1978/79.

Andy Gray hasn't had the best of fortune with injuries, yet despite lay-offs still scored around 20 goals last season, a total some strikers who played a full season failed to reach.

Nottingham Forest and Liverpool have been linked with 22-year-old Gray, who will next season return to the Scotland team he

should have played for in Argentina. Given a run clear of injuries, don't be surprised if the Villa man emulates Bob Latchford's 30 goals.

For our winger, we selected Peter Barnes and he was the easiest choice of the 11. Wingers may be coming back in fashion, but there is still a shortage of really top-class flank-men and the Manchester City man is the best in the League.

Ron Greenwood has rightly given Barnes his chance in the England side, where he has accredited himself well.

Substitutes? Ray Clemence ... Derek Johnstone ... Glenn Hoddle ... Graeme Souness ... Tony Woodcock ... and Gordon Hill — making a subs' bench worth over £2 million.



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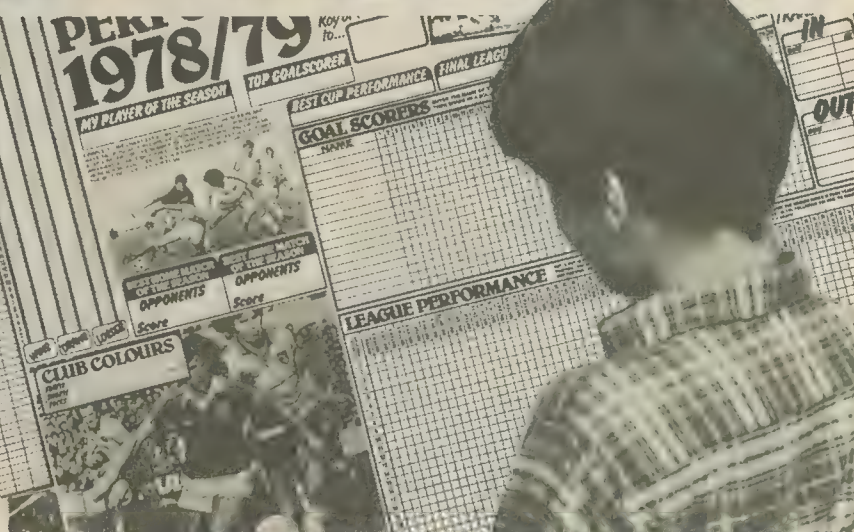
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CAN history repeat itself?

Will one of the three newly-promoted clubs do as Nottingham Forest did last term — take the First Division by storm and carry off the League Championship in their first season back in the big time?

It's fair to say the odds are probably stacked against it. But football is as unpredictable as the weather. And that, as we all know, means almost anything can happen.

The pre-season battle cries from Tottenham, Southampton and Bolton have certainly been loud and clear.

"We're not here just to make up the numbers," all three are boldly declaring. "We mean business. So watch out."

The £750,000 Spurs spent on Argentinian stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa, followed up by their six figure purchase of John Lacy from Fulham, emphasises the determination behind manager Keith Burkinshaw's statement that: "We aren't interested in First Division survival. Spurs are a club with a great tradition, who must be up there challenging with the very best."

Glenn Hoddle's thinking is just a little more reserved.

"Last season's success was built on a team effort," he says. "Whereas Spurs sides of the past have perhaps been more a collection of individuals."

"Liverpool's secret over the years has been their ability to work for each other. That's what we're aiming to continue doing this season — with similar success, I hope."

Southampton, too, haven't been slow to state their intentions.

David Peach, who was Lawrie McMenemy's first signing after taking over in 1973, and gained a regular first team spot in the very



Spurs' Steve Perryman (left) and Tony Funnell of Southampton clash during their promotion battle in the final game of last season.



JOHN LACY

NEWCOMERS MEAN BUSINESS!



Bolton's Tony Dunne.

season Saints were relegated, says: "I've wanted nothing else for the past four years than to get back into the First Division."

"Winning the F.A. Cup and getting into Europe in between time was nice, but I would have swapped both for a promotion place."

"We definitely have our best side at The Dell since relegation. And we're determined to give a good account of ourselves."

So says big Lawrie himself.

"Being little Southampton, scraping along, picking up the crumbs, is no good to us. We want to become a force to be reckoned with."

'Standard'

"I know from experience you need to improve your pool when you are promoted."

"We already have a high standard of players at the club, which means we will have to be very selective when we look for new ones."

"It cost Brian Clough around £700,000 to build his team. We've got to be prepared to buy like that if the need demands it."

Sounds as if the South coast could be in for an eventful year.

Bolton, whose two previous challenges for First Division status in 1976 and 1977 were lost on the wind, finally made it third time lucky.

But defender Paul Jones has a message for any First Division side

that thinks the Burnden Park outfit are relying on luck to get them through this season.

"I can see one or two top-flight clubs thinking we might be there for the taking early in the season," he says. "And they'll probably come hard at us."

"But we can match any side in the country for football."

"We're certain we won't struggle in the First. I'm looking for a top half of the table slot. Perhaps even managing to gain a place in Europe."

Alan Gowling, who left First Division Newcastle to join Bolton last season, is equally optimistic.

"I'm certain we're better than a number of sides I played against while I was at St. James'," he says. "That's why I joined the club in the first place."

"It wasn't a risk. I knew they were good enough for the First, and it's terrific to be playing there once again."

"Now we're out to build on what we achieved last season."

And the normally quiet Bolton manager, Ian Greaves, has even had his say, while singing the praises of assistant, George Mulhall.

"George and I aim to prove we can make it just as well in the First as we did in the Second," he says.

"I hope people are soon talking about Greaves and Mulhall, in the same way they talk about Clough and Taylor."

Now if that isn't a hint, what is!

TAKING IT EASY

Holidays and the summer close-season may seem a million miles away to players as they go through the annual slog of pre-season training. But to remind two top stars of easier times . . . here's Manchester City's new signing from Luton, Paul Fitcher, with his wife Colette, keeping cool on one of our rare hot days! And Liverpool's eligible bachelor Graeme Souness relaxing away from the disappointment of Scotland's World Cup exit. Souness went to Majorca where he met up with constant companion Miss World, Sweden's Mary Stavin. But before she arrived Graeme was, as you'll see, still the centre of attraction for the local beauties.





SHOOT!

VIC DAVIDSON CAN PROVE **SHOOT** RIGHT WITH BLACKPOOL

ONLY last year SHOOT reported Motherwell's intelligent midfield man Vic Davidson had the skills and the talent to do well in English soccer. Now the ex-Celtic player has the opportunity to prove us right!

Blackpool, so sensationally relegated to the Third Division after being in contention for promotion just before the turn of the year, paid out £30,000 for the player and they are hoping his subtle promptings and inch-perfect accuracy will lead them back into the Second at the first attempt.

The Bloomfield Road club have got Davidson at a cut-price figure. He was unsettled with Motherwell for a long time and it would appear he did not see eye to eye with Roger Hynd, who took over as Fir Park boss during last season when Willie McLean left.

Manchester City were said to be interested a year ago, but Motherwell were looking for something like £100,000 for their top midfielder. The Maine Road club took their interest elsewhere.

Liverpool, too, watched the player last season, but didn't follow up their initial interest with a bid. Then it looked as though Davidson would be on his way to Hull City, but that deal fell through.

Just when it looked as though he was in for another season with Motherwell, trouble-torn Blackpool came on the scene, their bid was accepted, the player was impressed by their set-up and promptly signed for Bob Stokoe.

Davidson has been "rescued" from Fir Park and has at long last got his wish for a move to English soccer, but there was a time any transfer South would certainly be to a glamorous First Division side.

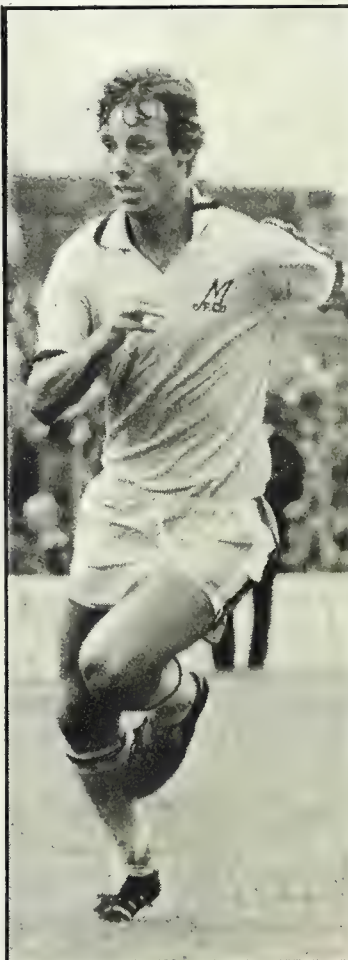
Permanent

That was when he was breaking through at Celtic in the same reserve side as Kenny Dalglish, Lou Macari and Davie Hay. The Parkhead fans relished the thought of seeing that foursome in their first team on a permanent basis, but somehow things just did not work out for Davidson.

Macari was the first to move to England when he joined Manchester United for £200,000. Then Davie Hay, after a successful World Cup in West Germany four years ago, went to Chelsea for £250,000.

While these players and Dalglish were hitting the headlines Davidson was in the forgotten world of the reserves and eventually he was freed and signed swiftly by Motherwell.

Then Dalglish, of course, took his glittering talents to Liverpool in exchange for £440,000 and Davidson must have been giving up hope of ever catching up with his former Parkhead mates.



Now the waiting game is over for Davidson. He says: "I just could not turn down Blackpool's offer. They are an ambitious club and I am an ambitious player and I just hope we knock it off together."

"This is the first time they have ever been in the Third Division and I'm sure it is just a temporary stay. This club is too big for this Division."

"I have heard how they were relegated by just one point when they looked safe. Obviously, they were just unlucky. We'll just have to put that right this season."

Davidson could make a real impact with his new club. He has always insisted he would be a better player in a League where the crunching tackle from behind was banned.

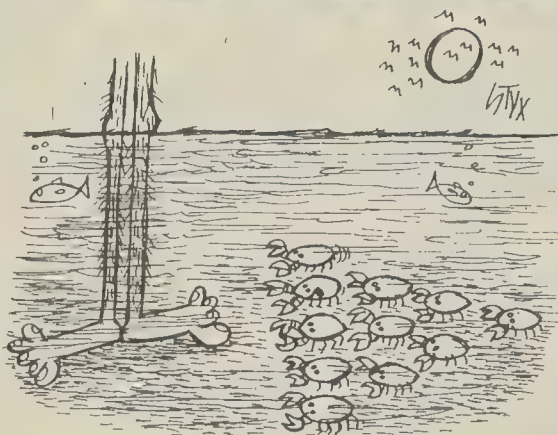
That Law has not been passed in Scotland yet, but in England Davidson will get protection from referees and with his exciting skills he could be the perfect foil for the other marksmen in the side.

Anyway, Davidson has arrived at last. He is determined to make up for lost time.

**RODDIE
MacDONALD**
Celtic



FOOTBALL FUNNIES



"Come on, chaps — 4-3-3 is out — wingers are in"



"You were blatantly offside — made the Lone Ranger look like a crowd scene"



This week West Brom 'keeper **TONY GODDEN** selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"We're trying to work out who scored that lovely goal, boss — was the ball deflected by Joe's elbow, Fred's kneecap or my hand?"



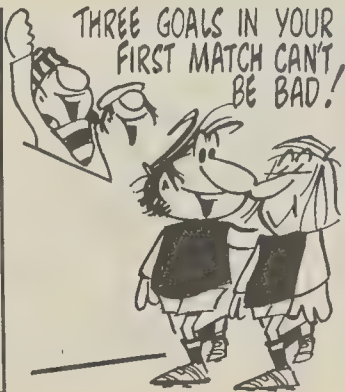
"Did you take his number?"



"An excuse for everything — even when they scored from that penalty he claimed he was unsighted"

NEWS NEXT WEEK OF OUR EXCITING START-OF-THE-SEASON ISSUE

NOBBY



I ENDED last week's column by promising to give you details of "The U.K. National Superstars Championship 1978", which was recorded by BBC TV at the Harlow Sportcentre in Essex, on July 10th and 11th.

These multi-sports contests have become extremely popular and are now part of our sporting scene.

You may recall Kevin Keegan's horrific bicycle crash in 1976, and the efforts of Mike Channon and Malcolm Macdonald in last year's competition.

These events against stars of different sports, sometimes drawn from Continental countries, are a severe test of skill, speed, stamina and courage.

I've always wanted to take part in this sort of competition, but was a little worried about accepting this year's invitation.

Because of the England B tour, followed by a short break with my family, the organisers were unable to get in touch with me until four days before the competition was due to start.

In the end, one of the office staff at Derby County managed to contact me at my in-laws' home in Weybridge, Surrey.

"Superstars" is taken very seriously and involves all sorts of strenuous activities and I didn't want to risk showing myself up in such distinguished company and in front of the TV cameras through lack of preparation.

But playing for England on their Far East tour followed by hours of tennis back home had kept me in good shape so I decided to go ahead.

I reported to the Bell Post House Hotel, Epping, Essex, on Sunday July 9th, to be kitted out, attend a reception and meet the other competitors, every one at the top of his particular sport.

All sportsmen share a common bond so it didn't take me long to become firm friends with my seven rivals.

Among them, footballers Trevor Brooking and Tony Currie, two players I know very well from England duty.

Trevor surprised many people in the game by signing a new contract



with West Ham, despite their drop into the Second Division last season.

"But we'll be back," said Trevor. "Anyway, I enjoy playing for West Ham because they give me freedom of expression as a player."

I think Trevor's future very much depends on how well West Ham start the season.

If they find themselves in trouble around the turn of the New Year, I suspect the elegant England midfielder will think very seriously about asking to get away from Upton Park.

And I don't blame him. The Second Division is no place for a player with Trevor's vision and skills.

Tony Currie, who made a sensational comeback for England against Brazil, is equally determined to find success with Leeds.

He had a marvellous 1977-78 season, proving to critics he has the ability to become a real top international player.

Then there was 1978 World Masters Speedway Champion Peter Collins. He competed in the British heat of the European Superstars last year and finished second to Dutch speed skater Hans Van Helden.

'IN ACTION AS A SUPERSTAR - ARDUOUS, BUT FUN'

Fast, skilful, six-foot-tall, Eric Hughes, Rugby League star for Widnes and Great Britain, has all the attributes of a leading soccer centre-half.

One of the most competitive players in Rugby League, Eric is also a useful swimmer and was Lancashire 220 yards Sprint Champion. Quite an all-rounder.

Badminton was represented by Essex and England star Ray Stevens, who is currently vying with rival Derek Talbot for the number one national ranking.

Scotland's former world swimming Champion David Wilkie was also one of the contestants, so was boxing's Dave "Boy" Green.

Dave's one professional defeat in 27 fights was by Carlos Palomino for the World Welterweight title at Wembley last summer.

He naturally hopes to put that right in his return for the world crown next December.

Each competitor had to miss two of the eight events, including one featuring his own sport.

Points awarded for each event were ten for first, seven for second, four for third, two for fourth and one for fifth.

I opted out of the swimming and cycling. I'm not too good in the water and after Kevin Keegan's accident decided not to risk going

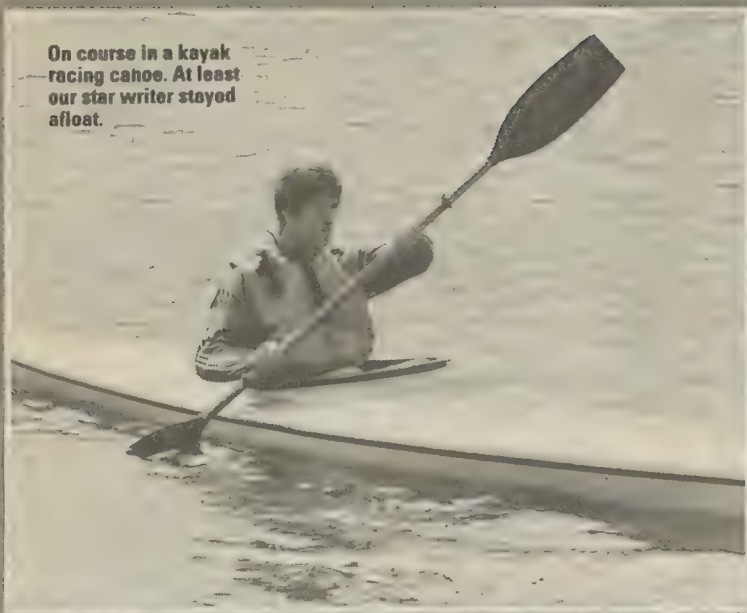
on the water. The CANOEING on the Monday morning. We raced kayaks over a distance of 125 metres and it wasn't as easy as it looked.

In fact, I managed to stay afloat by alone paddle the thing. As you'll see when "Superstars" is telecast later in the year.

After lunch came the SKETCHED OUT. I might clean and park some of strength over fairly quickly, with the intense feeling the competitor. When I hit the ground for one night by the greatest strength.



On course in a kayak racing canoe. At least our star writer stayed afloat.



I was afraid of injuring my back and missing pre-season training with Derby, so I took this event very steadily.

Next — the GYM TEST. The first part of this event involved lifting ourselves on parallel bars.

This hurt, so did the squat thrusts. We had to get into a press-

my soccer scene
GORDON HILL

up position with our toes on a rear line and then see how many times we could bring our legs up and back in a minute.

The following morning the CROSSBOW SHOOTING was staged. As you know I enjoy shooting but this was entirely different from handling a gun . . . and much more difficult to master.

After lunch the 100 METRES was run on the track at the sportcentre. I'm pretty quick off the mark and gained valuable points in this event.

Last event was the 600-METRE STEEPLECHASE. As in athletics there was a waterjump and five normal steeplechase hurdles to clear.

As with all the events this was

punishing, although I managed to do well.

Sorry, I can't reveal the results of the events or the overall winner. You'll have to wait until the programme is screened on BBC TV.

I can promise you won't be disappointed by the action and individual performances of the eight contestants.

One thing's for sure, being a full-time professional footballer is easier than taking part in a two-day tournament against some of the leading stars of other sports.

I'd like to express my sincere thanks to all those connected with "Superstars". Also Staff at the Bell Post House Hotel, BBC TV presenters Ron Pickering and David Vine and young David, who carried my gear around.

At the end of the tour I was an assistant.

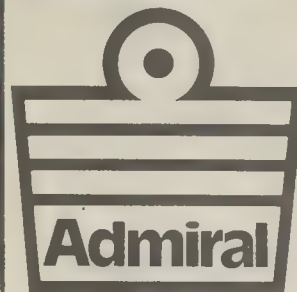
Before closing, an apology. Last week I spoke about Derby's proposed pre-season tour to America. Well, the day after SHOOT went to Press the trip was cancelled. Sorry about that . . .

Gordon Hill



Gordon and Trevor Brooking find squat-thrusts tough going.

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Three 'keepers hoping to figure prominently in Scotland's Premier Division this season

their inconsistency. Take Kennedy's performance against Celtic in the League Cup Final, for instance. He made several brave saves, but with Rangers leading 1-0 and time running out he practically gifted the Parkhead men the equaliser that took the game into extra-time.

Young Alan Snaddon sent over a cross from the right-wing and Kennedy completely missed the ball and gave Johannes Edvaldsson

the opportunity to head into an empty net.

Kennedy's blushes were saved, though, when Gordon Smith headed the winner for the Ibrox men in the extra period.

And McCloy was made to look foolish when Aberdeen scored their goal in the Scottish Cup Final. There were only two minutes left and the Ibrox side were leading 2-0 when Pittodrie left-back Steve Ritchie took a swing at a cross

The two battling for the number one spot at Rangers...



Donald Hunter (above) on loan to St Mirren last season, has now left Ibrox.



Stewart Kennedy (above) and Peter McCloy (right) both picked up medals in 1977-78.

PETER MCCLOY, Stewart Kennedy and Donald Hunter were all Premier Division goalkeepers with Rangers at one stage or another last season. It is a state of affairs that is unlikely to continue in 1978-79 especially for Hunter who was recently released on a free transfer.

Kennedy picked up a League Cup winners' medal, McCloy lifted a Scottish Cup winners' medal and Hunter, on loan to St. Mirren, managed to consolidate the Paisley side's place in the Premier.

Now McCloy and Kennedy are in competition for that number one place at Ibrox, but it could be neither of them will be in that position at the end of the season.

Hunter, returned to the Scottish Champions by St. Mirren, has now left Ibrox, Kennedy was put up for sale last season and McCloy, who has been on and off the transfer list, didn't look too convincing near the end of the season.

It looked at one point that international 'keeper Jim Stewart would go to Ibrox, but Middlesbrough were in quickly with their £100,000-plus bid to persuade Kilmarnock into parting with him.

Alan Rough, too, has been linked with Rangers. The position has bothered Rangers for several years with Kennedy and McCloy fighting it out between them.

Manager John Greig should know better than anyone about the capabilities of the goalkeepers since he was playing in front of them only a matter of months ago.

Even the Ibrox support are split about the qualities of the 'keepers. One half appear to believe Kennedy is the man for the job while the other half want McCloy to remain the number one.

However, the 'keepers constantly bewilder the critics with

from the right.

He didn't connect properly, scooped the ball into the air, it spun crazily in the air and McCloy must have thought it was going over the bar. He was left dangling from the crossbar when the ball dipped, hit the bar, struck him, rebounded on to a post and dropped into the net!

Greig is likely to give his 'keepers another opportunity to prove themselves. Will Kennedy fight his way back? Will McCloy remain? Or will Rangers have to spend to solve their number one problem?

That answer will be provided very soon...



STEWART RENNIE is reckoned by Liverpool superstar Kenny Dalglish to be one of the most capable goalkeepers in the Premier Division . . .

The bearded Motherwell 'keeper reads the game well and anticipates saves without depending on the spectacular. However, he is unlikely to start the new term as first choice 'keeper at Fir Park!

Manager Roger Hynd went back to his former club Birmingham during the close-season to sign ex-team-mate Dave Latchford, brother of Celtic's Peter and Everton's Bob, and the burly Englishman is almost certainly going to take over from Rennie.

Hynd rates Dave as a superb 'keeper and a great buy at only £15,000. "I played centre-half while he was in goal so I think I am well qualified to talk about his ability," says the ambitious Hynd.



Stewart Rennie was first choice 'keeper for the Fir Park side.

season and Willie Pettigrew will be determined to show he can regain his sharpness in the penalty-area.

Hynd, though, must be fairly content with his defence. With Latchford in goal, redoubtable skipper and left-back Joe Wark, new centre-half Allan Mackin, from Queen's Park, and the rapidly-improving Gregor Stevens around the rearguard could be one of the best in the Premier.

Latchford should enjoy his stay in Scotland. It took his brother only a handful of games before he won a Scottish Cup medal against Airdrie and he followed that up that next season with a League medal, another Scottish Cup winners' medal and a League Cup runners-up badge.

Will Dave follow in his brother's footsteps and find success North of the border? Motherwell fans obviously hope so!

...and the Englishman aiming to take over at Motherwell

"He was out of the first team at Birmingham, but I know all about his qualities and I am delighted he eventually agreed to join us."

Dave's brother Peter may have helped him to make up his mind and sample soccer North of the border. Peter, another goalkeeper, of course, has enjoyed his three year spell in Scotland and although last season was not a happy one for the Parkhead side he was still named as Celtic's Player of the Year.

The new Motherwell star knows all about the ups-and-downs of soccer. Like Peter he broke through to the first team of his English club as a youngster, but eventually lost his place to a veteran.

Peter dropped out of things at West Brom after winning two England Under-23 caps. John Osborne reclaimed his place and, after Don Revie, who was England's manager at the time, had tipped off his great personal friend Jock Stein about the player, he was soon on his way across the border to Parkhead on a loan transfer that became permanent with £35,000 changing hands.

Dave's first team place at St Andrews came under pressure when the club splashed out £100,000 for Welsh international star Gary Sprake, of Leeds United. Injury eventually forced the unfortunate Sprake to quit the game after Dave had won his way back into the reckoning.

Last season, however, Birmingham signed Sunderland's Jim Montgomery and the end was in sight for Latchford.

Now Dave could develop into a real personality at Fir Park. Roger Hynd has big plans for his side and some of the individual talent at his disposal has to be admired.

Peter Marinello played well last



Dave Latchford was signed from First Division Birmingham City.

IN SHOOT NEXT WEEK

Colour . . . Ray Kennedy (Liverpool) + Notts County team group + Willie Johnston (West Brom) + Sam Allardyce (Bolton) + Gordon Hill, Trevor Brooking and Tony Currie matching their skills against stars from other sports + Focus on Dave Thomas (Everton).

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EUROPEAN CUP DRAWS

*Who plays whom in
Europe... each
country's represen-
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competitions*

European Cup

AC Monaco v Steaua Bucharest (preliminary round).
Real Madrid v Progres Niedercorn (Luxembourg).
Nottingham Forest v Liverpool.
AEK Athens v FC Porto.
Fenerbahce v PSV Eindhoven.
FC Bruges v Wisla Krakow (Poland).
Vlaznija Schkodra (Albania) v Austria Vienna.
Zborjovka Brno (Czechoslovakia) v Ujpest Dozza.
FC Cologne v la Akranes (Iceland).
Juventus v Rangers.
Grasshoppers Zurich v Valletta. Valkeosken Haka (Finland) v Dynamo Kiev.
Malmoe v winner of preliminary match.
Omonia Nicosia v Bohemians (Republic of Ireland).
Odense (Denmark) v Lokomotiv Sofia.
Linfield (Northern Ireland) v Lillestrom (Norway).
Partizan Belgrade v Dynamo Dresden.

European Cup-Winners' Cup

Bye Anderlecht.
Sporting Lisbon v Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia).
Barcelona v winner of the Soviet Union Final.
Reykjavik v FC Magdeburg.
Marek Dimitrov (Bulgaria) v Aberdeen.
Winner of the Hungarian Final v Kalmar (Sweden).
Beveren (Belgium) v Ballymena (Northern Ireland).
Paok Salonika v Servette Geneva.
Uni Craiova (Romania) v Fortuna Dusseldorf.
Zaglebie Sosnowiec (Poland) v SSW Innsbruck.
AZ 67 Alkmaar (Netherlands) v Ipswich Town.
Shamrock Rovers (Republic of Ireland) v Apoel, Nicosia.
Rijeka (Yugoslavia) v Wrexham.
Florian (Malta) v Internazionale.
Bodo Glimt (Norway) v Union Luxembourg.
Winner of the Final in Denmark v Nancy.

U.E.F.A. Cup

Dukla Prague v Lanerossi Vicenza (Italy).
CSKA Sofia v Valencia.
Borussia Monchengladbach v SK Sturm Graz (Austria).
Arges Pitesti (Romania) v Panathinaikos.
Athletic Bilbao v Ajax.
Finn Harps v Everton.
Jeunesse Esch v Lausanne Sports.
Nantes v Benfica.
RS Giron (Spain) v AC Torino.
SC Braga (Portugal) v Hibernian (Malta).
Galatasaray, Turkey v West Bromwich Albion.
Dynamo Berlin v Red Star Belgrade.
1903 Copenhagen v Kuopio Palloseura (Finland).
Basle v VfB Stuttgart.
Torpedo Moscow v Molde FK (Norway).
IF Elfsborg (Sweden) v RC Strasbourg.
MSV Duisburg v Lech Poznan (Poland).
Standard Liege v Dundee United.
IK Start Christiansand (Norway) v second entry from Denmark.
Arsenal v Leipzig Lok.
Carl Zeiss Jena v Lierse (Belgium).
Glentoran (Northern Ireland) v IBV (Iceland).
Twente Enschede v Manchester City.
Hibernian (Scotland) v IFK Norrköping (Sweden).
Politehnica (Romania) v second entry from Hungary.
Pezoporikos Larnaca (Cyprus) v Slask Wroclaw.
Olympiakos Piraeus v Levski Spartak Sofia.
AC Milan v Lokomotiv Kosice (Czechoslovakia).
Dinamo Ibilisi (Soviet Union) v Napoli.
First entry from Hungary v Adanaspor (Turkey).
Hajduk Split v Rapid Wienerberger (Austria).
Hertha Berlin v Trakia Plovdiv (Bulgaria).
The first legs should be played on September 13 and the second legs on September 27.

COUNTRY	EUROPEAN CUP	EUROPEAN CUP-WINNERS' CUP	U.E.F.A. CUP
ALBANIA	Vlaznija Schkodra		
AUSTRIA	Austria Vienna	SSW Innsbruck	SK Sturm Graz, Rapid Weinberger
BELGIUM	FC Bruges	Beveren Anderlecht	Standard Liege, Lierse
BULGARIA	Lokomotiv Sofia	Marek Dimitrov	CSKA, Levski Spartak, Trakia Plovdiv
CYPRUS	Omonia Nicosia	Apoel Nicosia	Pezoporikos
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	Zborjovka Brno	Banik Ostravd	Dukla Prague, Loko. Kosice
DENMARK	Odense	Not yet known	1903 Copenhagen, other club not yet known
ENGLAND	Liverpool, N. Forest	Ipswich Town	Everton, W.B.A., Arsenal, Man. City
FINLAND	Valkeosken Haka	—	Kupio Palloseura
FRANCE	AC Monaco	Nancy	Nantes, RC Strasbourg
GERMANY (E)	Dynamo Dresden	FC Magdeburg	Carl Zeiss Jena, Dinamo Berlin, Loko, Leipzig
GERMANY (W)	IFC Cologne	Fortuna Dusseldorf	B. Monchengladbach, Hertha Berlin, VfB Stuttgart, MSV Duisburg
GREECE	AEK Athens	PAOK Salonika	Panathinaikos, Olympiakos Piraeus
HUNGARY	Ujpest Dozza	Not yet known	Not yet known
ICELAND	Akranes	Reykjavik	IBV
ITALY	Juventus	Inter	Lanerossi, Torino, AC Milan, Napoli
LUXEMBOURG	Progres Niedercorn	Union	Jeunesse Esch
MALTA	Valletta	Floriana	Hibernian
NETHERLANDS	PSV	AZ '67	Ajax, FC Twente
N. IRELAND	Linfield	Ballymena	Glentoran
NORWAY	Lillestrom	Bodo Glimt	Molde FK, IK Start Christiansand
POLAND	Wisla Krakow	Zaglebie Sosnowiec	Lech Poznan, Slask Wroclaw
PORTUGAL	FC Porto	Sporting Lisbon	Benfica, SC Braga
REP. OF IRELAND	Bohemians	Shamrock Rovers	Finn Harps
RUMANIA	Steaua Bucharest	Uni Craiova	Arges Pitesti, Politehnica
SCOTLAND	Rangers	Aberdeen	Dundee Utd, Hibernian
SPAIN	Real Madrid	Barcelona	Valencia Ath Bilbao, Sporting Gijon
SWEDEN	Malmö	Kalmar	IF Elfsborg, IFK Norrköping
SWITZERLAND	Grasshoppers	Servette	Lausanne Sports, Basle
TURKEY	Fenerbahce	—	Galatasaray, Adanaspor
U.S.S.R.	Dynamo Kiev	Not yet known	Torpedo Moscow, Dinamo Tbilisi
WALES	—	Wrexham	—
YUGOSLAVIA	Partizan Belgrade	Rijeka	Red Star, Hajduk Split

It was gala day at White Hart Lane when Tottenham Hotspur introduced their Argentina stars Osvaldo Ardiles and Ricardo Villa to the Press and a few hundred lucky fans. SHOOT was there to meet the players and record their first day with their new club.

The sun shone brightly as Ardiles and Villa faced a battery of cameramen, showing no signs of jet-lag and a dreadful 26-hour delayed flight from Buenos Aires. Ardiles, built more like a jockey than a footballer, remarked: "Simply standing on the turf makes me want to play. I can't wait to get into action."

Villa politely told Pressmen how to say his name properly. "It's Vija, not like Aston Villa." Why had he shaved off his beard? "I promised myself I'd do so if we won the World Cup." Unlike Wimbledon Champion Bjorn Borg, he was not paid a four-figure fee to do so!

Photos taken, Ardiles and Villa signed autographs and shook hands with some fans. "Ardiles is God" someone had written outside White Hart Lane. This, before he's even played a game!

At the Press conference, the players answered every question honestly and intelligently... and unwittingly provided a few light-hearted moments.



Ardiles: "If I had known then what I know now, England would certainly have been my first choice. There were some approaches from clubs in France and Spain and my attitude was I'd entertain any offer that was beneficial to myself and my club, Huracán. Now, of course, I'm delighted with the way things have worked out. Everyone has been so kind. All I want to do now is to repay them... on the field."

"Do you envisage many problems settling down?"

Villa: "With the best of goodwill from both parties, I could settle down in any society. I think I'm an adaptable sort of person. We shall of course, be studying English and the fact we're living in England will help us with your language. In a few months we should be able to get by in English."

Ardiles: "The Spurs officials are doing so much for us I can't visualise any troubles. Naturally, the first couple of months will be a little difficult, having to adapt our game, but I'm certainly not worried."

"Are you impressed by our comparatively low rate of inflation?"

Villa: "Yes. One year's inflation here is equal to one month's inflation in Argentina!"

"What do you know about Arsenal?"

Ardiles: "From the way the question was put, I gather they're a big rival of Spurs. I've heard of

SPURS' ARGENTINA STARS PASS THEIR FIRST TEST

"What are your first impressions?"

Ardiles: "I'm a little tired, but very happy. Everyone has been friendly and made us feel at home."

"Your immediate ambitions?"

Ardiles: "To have a good season for Spurs and, if possible, win the Championship. Also, to play at Wembley."

"What are the main differences between English soccer and that of Argentina?"

Villa: "I think football in South America is a little slower, but for me, the biggest difference is in England you seem to want to get the ball into the opponents' area as quickly as possible, often through high balls. In Argentina, we are more patient and prefer to play the ball on the ground."

"Does the physical aspect bother you? Or the fact you may have to play over 50 games this season?"

Ardiles: "The problem regarding the physical aspect is not confined to England. It's the same all over the world. The fact we may have to play 50 or 60 games does not worry me. If that's what the job entails, that's what I'll have to do."

"Do you know about the crippling tax system we have here?"

Villa: "We are satisfied with the deal Spurs have offered us and hope we'll be happy over the next three

years. We will accept all the rules and regulations of your country."

"Which English players do you most admire, and who are you looking forward to playing against?"

Ardiles: "From the past, I like Bobby Moore, Bobby Charlton and Gordon Banks. Of the present, I think Kevin Keegan is the best. I'm sorry but I don't know much about the players I'll be facing. I saw Scotland/England on television and, of course, Scotland in the World Cup. But I don't remember too many names."

"Was it very hard for you to leave Argentina?"

Villa: "It's never easy to leave one's homeland. Yet the possibility of playing in England — the cradle of world soccer as far as I'm concerned — was too good to turn down."

"Were you prepared to join any European club, or was England your first choice?"

ABOVE... Ardiles and Villa outside their "new home", White Hart Lane.

BELOW... Ardiles shakes hands with the enthusiastic Spurs fans after the photo-session at the ground.

Arsenal, of course, as they are a famous name in world football."

"What roles will you play for Spurs?"

Ardiles: "Presumably on the right-hand side of midfield."

Villa: "I'm not sure — maybe in midfield, maybe further upfield."

"Have you spoken to Menotti (the Argentina manager) about your transfer?"

Villa: "Yes, and he promised to come over to see our first game, against Nottingham Forest."

"Have you heard of Brian Clough?"

Ardiles: "No."

Villa: (Shakes his head).



HE was hailed as The White Pele ... the player who could be the sensation of the 1978 World Cup Finals. Yet Arthur Antunes Coimbra, known to everyone simply as Zico, achieved little in Argentina other than to be dropped and subsequently injured a few minutes after playing against Poland in his "comeback" game.

Zico is an enigma; so much was expected of him, yet he looks back on Argentina with both despair and happiness.

He says: "My injury in the opening minutes of our match against Poland was a complete accident ... a million to one chance. I kicked the ball as a Polish defender challenged, fairly I must add. We both crashed to the ground and one of his boots was on top of my right foot.

"As a result, I twisted an ankle and pulled leg muscles at the same time. I was in terrible pain ... agony, I've never known anything like it. It was impossible to play on. With every step I took, the pain returned only worse and I remember even crying it hurt me so much.

"But I shall never forget the concern of my team-mates, who did all they could to raise my spirits. This proved I was amongst friends and meant a lot to me."

That was the end of the World Cup for the 25-year-old Zico, but it was a tournament that never really got going for him. In the very first game of Brazil, against Sweden, Zico thought he had scored a last-gasp winner, only for Welsh referee Clive Thomas to disallow

The Brazil star who didn't quite make the grade

ZICO

the goal as he'd blown for time a split-second previously.

Zico's view: "Only one thing needs to be said. The referee came over to me and said: 'I'm sorry ... I'm sorry', which I took to mean an admission of his mistake and that says it all."

The Brazilian has, no doubt, misinterpreted Thomas's sentiments, which were more of understanding than an admission of guilt, but from then Zico's World Cup hopes plummeted.

Coutinho, ironically his club

manager, too, at Flamengo, dropped Zico and Reinaldo.

"He made us the scapegoats for the draw against Sweden, which was wrong.

"Our failure was a general one, not one that could be attributed to two players. He never told me why I was dropped. The papers said it was because the heavy Mar del Plata pitch was not suited to my style.

"If that is so, it's ridiculous. First, many pitches outside of Rio are similar to Mar del Plata and sec-

only, Jorge Mendonca, who replaced me, is very much a Brazilian in the traditional sense and heavy pitches don't suit him."

Zico's next controversy came against Peru in the Second Round. A couple of minutes after coming on as a sub, Roberto was fouled to give Brazil a penalty.

"I had absolutely no hesitation whatsoever in taking it," he says. "I knew whatever I did I'd probably be criticised. If I had refused to take the penalty I'd have been called a coward. Had I missed, people would have said I shouldn't have taken it in the first place as I'd just come on. The way I saw the situation was I'm the team's official penalty-taker and whatever else, I have never lost my sense of professionalism. I knew I'd score and could not hand over the responsibility to anyone else."

Zico's final World Cup appearance was in Brazil's last Second Round tie, against Poland — a game Brazil won, but, it turned out, not by a big enough margin to stop Argentina, who trounced Peru 6-0, reaching the Final.

The injury sustained by Zico kept him out of the Flamengo side for several weeks ... vital weeks as he missed the play-offs of the Brazil National Championship. Flamengo's attack has been goal-shy without their top star and the club's finances have suffered without Zico, the crowds are poor.

Maybe Zico WILL make his mark as an international player, but in the meantime he'll be known as the Brazilian who hasn't quite made it ... yet.



Zico in action for Brazil against Sweden during the World Cup Finals.

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Keith powers his way past Man. United's Martin Buchan (left) and Lou Macari.

KEITH BERTSCHIN

Birmingham City

FULL NAME: Keith Edwin

Bertschin

BIRTHPLACE: Enfield, North London

BIRTHDATE: 25th August, 1956

HEIGHT: 6ft 1in

WEIGHT: 11st 7lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Barnet and Ipswich Town

MARRIED: No

CAR: Capri L

FAVOURITE PLAYERS: Kevin Beattie and Trevor Francis

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Arsenal

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Gordon McQueen

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Coming on as sub in my first game for Ipswich v. Arsenal and scoring with my first touch

BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring for Birmingham against Arsenal, 1-1

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being knocked out of the F.A. Cup by Derby

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Hawaii

FAVOURITE FOOD: Bacon sandwich

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Golf and fishing

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Long journeys from away games and injuries

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Rising Damp and Harry O

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stevie Wonder and E.L.O.

FAVOURITE ACTORS/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Dustin Hoffman and Faye Dunaway

BEST FRIEND: I like to think I've a few

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father and the coaching staff at Ipswich Town

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Injuries

and coach journeys

INTERNATIONAL

HONOURS: Nine England youth and one Under-21 cap

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy in my life and my work

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This week's Star Letter comes from Andrew Coghill of Cults, Aberdeen, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

'OLD FIRM' DOMINATION

I AM writing to you to tell you what I'm sure is the opinion of many Scottish soccer fans. In past articles on the misfortunes (which are very occasional) of big Scottish clubs, you have concluded your pieces suggesting Scotland desperately needs a successful Celtic or Rangers to "bring back the pride".

This annoys me. It gives the impression my country is crying out for these two to win trophies. Except for Celtic or Rangers fans, Scotland is, in fact, crying out for the Old Firm NOT to win anything!

We're sick to death of the monopoly by these two teams. The other Scottish clubs cannot possibly hope to get better if they are constantly snuffed out like candles. No wonder so many of our players go South!

There is no future for them if Celtic and Rangers continue to dominate — unless they join one of the Glasgow giants.

It is 13 years since a team apart from Celtic or Rangers won the League. That was Kilmarnock. No wonder the average English side is better than the average Scottish one. We never have a chance to improve.

● Sadly, it's difficult to see any change. Celtic and Rangers are the biggest and richest clubs in Scotland and that inevitably spells success. I was sad when Aberdeen failed to win at least one trophy last season, but Celtic's poor form showed the domination CAN be broken to a certain extent.

Too Harsh

IN MY opinion, Willie Johnston received too severe a punishment for his doping offence in Argentina.

Sent home, banned for life by Scotland, banned by F.I.F.A. — okay, so Willie broke the rules, but taking a tablet is not as bad as kicking another player. You can hack someone down and be suspended for just one game!

MICHAEL CRIBB,
LEEDS.

● Johnston (above) let down his team, his country, the Scottish fans and the game of football. Ignorance is never an excuse for breaking the law — a footballer should check if he has the slightest doubt about any tablets he is taking. Johnston also received a reported



large sum to tell the story of his World Cup disgrace. Here I agree with Tommy Docherty, who feels money should be taken from the player and put back into football.

Non-League Soccer

I WAS interested to read your article in the SHOOT Summer Special. You wrote you read every letter sent in — the least I can do is keep you from being unemployed!

I've written quite a few letters to you, and after reading your article I'm thrilled to know I've sent more letters to you than the combined populations of China and the U.S.S.R.!

My main point is to ask if you will be featuring more news on non-League soccer next season. I realise space is tight and you can't please everyone, but I think you could include a little more coverage than you do at present.

BILL CRUSE,
HYTHE.

● Yes, it's the old problem of lack of space. We spotlight the "minnows" if they have a good F.A. Cup run and are in the public eye, but my mailbag shows the vast majority of our readers prefer the full-time professional game.

Well done, Spurs

KEITH Burkinshaw and Spurs are to be congratulated on signing Ardiles and Villa. Not only will supporters be treated to an exhibition of their highly-developed skills, but youngsters such as Glenn Hoddle should benefit from their arrival.

Although it's far too early to judge, it seems Spurs have two bargains when you see some of the prices quoted for more modest British players.

PETER BOWERS,
LONGTON.

● I hope the Argentina stars do well; any players who bring skill to the League can surely only be good for the game? However, I must confess I have my reservations as to how they'll settle down both on and off the field.

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City in Europe

Did my favourite team, Manchester City, do any good in the European Cup after they won the League title in 1967-68?

TOM COSTIGAN,
EIRE

● Not so's you'd notice it, Tom. In fact, they went straight out in the First Round to Fenerbahce — drawing 0-0 at home, and then being beaten 2-1 in Turkey. Mind you, Euro-wise, City made up for it the very next season — when they won the Cup-Winners' Cup instead.

John Hollins

Can you tell me how many games Q.P.R. skipper John Hollins has played?

DARREN GRAHAM,
LONDON, N.W.5

● Quite a few now, Darren — in fact, 546 League games all told. Hollins made his League debut for Chelsea in the 1963-64 season, and ended up on a total of 436 there.

Joining Rangers in July, 1975, he's since played another 110.

While with Chelsea, he picked up winners' medals in both the F.A. Cup (1970) and European Cup-Winners' Cup (1971) — and also gained one full cap for England in 1967.

Tallest

Who's the tallest player ever to play in the Football League?

KELVIN CLARK,
POTTERS BAR

● That distinction, Kelvin, is usually given to goalkeeper Albert Iremonger, who played 600 League games for Notts County and Lincoln in a long career which stretched from 1905 to 1927.

Lofty Albert is recorded at 6ft 5½ins — but there are some present day players not far below.

Like Chelsea's Micky Droy and Manchester City's Joe Corrigan at 6ft 4½ins — and Bristol Rovers' Stuart Taylor only a fraction under.

Numbered players

Can you tell me the first time numbered shirts were worn in England?

CHRISTOPHER DEACON,
DERBY

● As far as Football League teams go, Christopher, it seems to have been on the opening day of the 1928-29 season — when Arsenal wore numbers in their game against Sheffield Wednesday, and Chelsea did the same against Swansea.

This, however, was then purely an experimental move, and — though players wore numbers in the 1933 F.A. Cup Final — the idea was quietly dropped until just before War broke out in 1939.

That year, it was adopted at the League Annual General Meeting to come into force at the start of the following season.

"Emperor Franz"

Please settle an argument — how many times did Franz Beckenbauer play in a World Cup Final?

MARK MCGUCKIN,
ATHERSTONE

● Beckenbauer played in two, Mark — the 1966 Final, when the West Germans were beaten 4-2 by England; and that in 1974, when he led them to a 2-1 victory over Holland.

"Emperor Franz" almost made yet another — in-between, in 1970 — but Italy then knocked his side out 4-3 in a thrill-packed Semi-Final.

Everton's honours

I shall be coming to England next year — and hope to see my favourite club, Everton, in action. Meanwhile, can you please tell me what major honours they've won?

TRISHA HANDEBEAUX,
AUSTRALIA

● Have a good trip, Trisha, and let's hope you see Everton in good form! Since the club was formed in 1878, and became founder-members of the Football League ten years later, they've been Champions seven times, and runners-up in six more seasons. Everton have also won the F.A. Cup three times, and been beaten Finalists on four occasions. And they've once reached the League Cup Final.

Table-toppers

What is the highest position Brentford have ever achieved in the League, and the furthest they've ever got in the F.A. Cup?

ROY CAMPBELL,
WEMBLEY

● For a short time, Roy, Brentford have actually found themselves sitting high-and-dry on top of the First Division table — though The Bees' best finishing position, at the end of a season, was fifth in 1935-36. In the F.A. Cup, they've reached the Quarter-Finals three times — in 1938-1946 and 1949.

Newcastle lead

I know Aston Villa have won the F.A. Cup more times than any other club, but which have played in the most Finals?

WILLIAM BOOTH,
NEW ZEALAND

● That honour goes to another famous old club, William. Newcastle have played in 11 Finals, winning six of them.

They're followed by West Bromwich (five wins in ten Finals); Villa (seven wins in nine Finals); and Arsenal (four wins in nine Finals).

AT 29, John Toshack is the youngest, one of the newest and certainly among the busiest managers in football. In a few months, his energy, enterprise and bold approach have galvanised Swansea City, a club which has slumbered in the lower reaches of the League since their relegation from the Second Division in 1965.

"I'm pretty satisfied with the job we've done in a short time," agrees the man whose goals made him a hero of two cities — Cardiff and Liverpool — and the idol of the Welsh nation.

"Stress, strain and pressures! I've not had time to think about those things. When I came to the Vetch Field late last season, there was nothing else in our sights but winning promotion out of the Fourth Division.

"That is all over now. There have been quite a few celebrations during the close season following that success people wanted so badly — but, from the moment the new season starts, you get nothing for what you achieved last time. It has to start all over again."

The work Toshack has put in from the moment the curtains rang down on Swansea's frantic but finally successful drive for promotion makes his point powerfully.

He has signed three new players in striker Alan Waddle from Leicester, goalkeeper Geoff Crudgington from Crewe and midfield prospect Peter Reeves from Coventry. The signing of Waddle and Crudgington has twice smashed Swansea's transfer record buying at £20,000 and then £25,000 respectively.

Nor has Toshack neglected the traditional source of Swansea's supply of players — the local school sides and the local parks. "We've youngsters at the Vetch Field now no one has heard about: but that won't last for long!"

He has signed as professionals two of the latest 17-year-old discoveries in forward Mark Baker and full-back Ian Edwards and says: "The essence of the job here is to develop local youngsters but push ahead at the same time.

"That is why I have signed players like Waddle and chased experienced former colleagues like Tommy Smith and Ian Callaghan. You have to be patient in allowing young players to find their feet; yet also climb the table. I believe I am striking the right balance to achieve both targets."



Striker Alan Curtis is staying at Vetch Field.

Toshack's greatest feat, however, has been to keep Wales international Alan Curtis at the Vetch Field. The 33-goal striker swore after last season's promotion he had delivered the job he had promised and nothing would keep him at the club a moment longer.

The successful bid would have been in the region of £200,000 and the destination either the First or Second Division — the level at which Curtis is intent on stamping his ability.

"I pleaded with him," admits Toshack. "There was nothing more important than keeping Alan after his marvellous football of the last two seasons. People in Swansea remember the stream of great players who have left over the years and they would have said 'There he goes like all the rest. Who is the next one?'"

"We have proved those days are

over. What we have — and we've got plenty with more to come — we are going to fight like hell to keep. The same goes for Robbie James and Jeremy Charles!"

Toshack seems, at first glance, to have 'doubled up' on himself by signing former Anfield team-mate Waddle, a six foot three inches striker with exactly the same assets of powerful heading and flick-on passes. "No one needs to be a genius to work out the reason," he says.

"I played seven reserve games with Alan last season. He works that much better with some one up there alongside him to take off the 'weight' of opposing defenders. With Alan and myself, it means he will ALWAYS have such a partner."

Toshack has built up a second team to handle management and coaching. After his years away from his native Swansea, Terry Medwin has returned to work as assistant manager; then there is Eddie May in charge of the second team and Les Chappell with the youths.

"We are the team behind the team," he agrees. "There is a job to be done at every level to make this club what the directors want it to be — Second Division at the very least. That is why I have been working hard to avoid situations like we faced last season of being unable to take 12 fit first team players to Northampton; and why one man has to be in charge of each branch of our playing operations."

Every inch of the professionalism which Toshack admired at Liverpool is being reproduced at Swansea. From small details such as refusing to allow players to drive cars to training but insisting they travel together by coach, to ensuring there are proper training facilities.

The thriving city Big John is building



Toshack (above) signed keeper Geoff Crudgington (left) from Crewe.



One of the top youngsters at Swansea is Jeremy Charles.



ONE of the most difficult tasks I have ever encountered while writing this column is trying to compile a World XI... a team of superstars that would be the dream of any manager.

Well, during a break in pre-season training recently I finally got my team down on paper and before I name the players and tell you why I have chosen them, I have a very special apology to make.

It's to my former Scottish international team-mate Denis Law, a man who was one of my favourite players. Denis has given me so many happy memories and I thought he was one of the finest players around, but I'm sorry, Denis I can't see any place to fit you into my side... or any Scots! Making decisions like that is one of the drawbacks of being a team boss!

Okay, then, let's get down to business. Who is going to be the

Gordon Banks is the best 'keeper John Greig has seen.

hasn't been said before? He has everything: skill, talent, leadership qualities, fantastic anticipation and wonderful positional sense. I have been in opposition to Franz at club and country level and I don't think I have ever seen him do anything wrong.

He strolls through the 90 minutes and you just have to admire him. Someone once told me he was useless in the air. The next time I got the opportunity to see him in action I watched this particular part of his game. He is no worldbeater upstairs, but to say he was useless was rubbish.

Beside him I would play another Englishman... Bobby Moore. Could you imagine the sort of understanding this pair could have between them? Marvellous! How I wish I had them at Ibrox now —



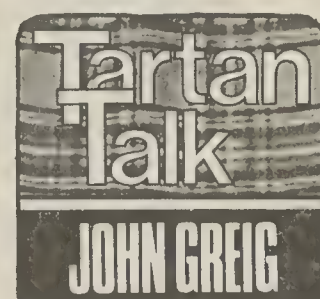
many Manchester United players their lives.

I wonder what Duncan would be worth in today's transfer market. He had everything going for him. He was young in years, but old in experience. I thought he was simply brilliant and definitely worth a place in my team. Bobby Charlton, a survivor of that dreadful air crash, gets a place too.

Blistering

Bobby's record speaks for itself. He was a real gentleman on and off the park. I was always glad I wasn't a goalkeeper trying to save those blistering efforts of his!

Completing the mid-three is Italy's Gianni Rivera. My old buddy Billy McNeill, now manager of his old club Celtic, once said Gianni was one of the most complete players he had ever seen and I must agree with him. A superb



'NO SCOTS IN MY TOP WORLD XI'

goalkeeper? I've thought about that great Russian Lev Yashin and I pondered over Brazil's legendary Gylmar, but the man who gets my vote is Gordon Banks.

Why Gordon? I simply think he was the best all-round 'keeper I have ever seen. He played with so much confidence and he had so much natural ability.

He was safe as they come on the ground and in the air and I never found a flaw in his play. Banksie just did everything right and I was really sorry to hear about his car accident several years ago that brought his League career to an end although he has been playing in America with Fort Lauderdale Strikers.

Brilliant

Choosing Gordon was relatively easy, now we get down to the difficult positions. I would play a basic 4-3-3 system and on the right hand side of the defence I would have Carlos Alberto, that brilliant Brazilian who captained his country to their third World Cup victory in Mexico eight years ago.

He had played a real skipper's part throughout the tournament and I'll never forget his charging run into attack to connect with a cross from the left-wing and send an unstoppable drive past Italian goalkeeper Albertosi for Brazil's fourth and final goal in their 4-1 victory in the Final.

Ironically, he, too, is playing in the North American soccer circuit and so is my next choice — Franz Beckenbauer. In fact, they are team-mates with the Cosmos!

What can I say about Franz that



Rangers would be unbeatable!

Bobby's style was very much like Beckenbauer's, of course. Scottish fans loved to hate Bobby, but he must have known this was because they didn't like facing him. Yes, Bobby would be a must for my side.

Admired

On the left hand side of the defence I would have Giacinto Facchetti, that great Italian veteran. Like Alberto he is a big man and would give height to the back four. He has tremendous qualities and has always been a player I have admired.

Scots fans might think I have gone over to "the other side", but I have to admit I have placed another two Englishmen in my midfield trio. One is Duncan Edwards, who died tragically in the Munich air disaster that cost so

passer of the ball.

Two Brazilians and a Dutchman complete my worldbeaters. I would have Garrincha on the right hand side of the attack. What an entertainer! He could turn full-backs inside out and those bending, swerving shots must have had goalkeepers near to suicide.

I couldn't possibly leave out the one and only Pele. I doubt if we will ever see his likes again. He was a pure symphony in soccer skills when he moved with that ball. He scored impossible goals, dictated play, set up chances and generally created havoc for the opposing teams. That'll do for me!

And the Dutchman is, of course, Johan Cruyff, Europe's answer at one stage to Pele. Both are men of amazing ability, but you can't compare them, really. Their styles and techniques are in total contrast, but both players possessed real ability and that is the name of the game so far as I am concerned.

Let's have a quick run through that team again. It is: Banks; Alberto, Beckenbauer. Moore. Facchetti. Edwards, Rivera, Charlton, Garrincha, Pele and Cruyff.

And, of course, I would have Denis Law standing by as substitute!

Italy's Giacinto Facchetti a giant in the back-four.

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

"The Phantom Flan Flinger strikes again ...!"

'Chased by the Phantom Flan Flinger!'



WE MAY be in the close-season, but thankfully my mail-bag isn't "taking a rest," so while there is nothing too topical to write about, I thought I'd answer some of your questions.

Two letters concerning offside are first — and John Perry of Arbroath wants to know if I think the offside law as it stands is good.

There has been a lot of controversy regarding the "interfering with play" section of the law and certainly it leaves much to be desired.

Aston Villa must have been hit harder than most clubs in this respect last season; I can remember five goals we had disallowed because someone was in an offside position and, according to the ref, interfering with play.

As we don't have a winger, both our full-backs, John Gidman and Gordon Smith, attack a lot. Many times they get to the by-line and centre the ball... yet even though they were nearer the corner flag than the goal, they were still reckoned to be interfering with play. Ridiculous!

I headed home two such centres only to have my goal disallowed each time. Sir Stanley Matthews used to lay on dozens of goals by beating his full-back, going to the by-line, and centring the ball. No player out on the wing can possibly be interfering with play and I'm glad to hear that F.I.F.A. have changed the wording of the rule, even though this doesn't affect the situation I've mentioned.

Following on from this, Peter O'Donnell of Co. Dublin, asks: "Are you caught offside a lot? If so, why is this?"

Actually, Peter, I'm rarely caught offside — except in the instances I've mentioned when I'm an accessory! I think I'm always very aware of what is going on around me and I've learnt to read the game quickly. I can't remember having a goal disallowed last season when I was in an offside position.

Now to a letter from Anthony Beck, who lives in St. Ives. He writes: "Johan Cruyff has retired at the top, even though he could obviously have gone on for longer. Do you think you'll also quit at the top, or do you see yourself possibly going back to Scotland to end your career?"

Downhill

It's difficult to answer that one, Anthony, because predicting the future is impossible. If, over the next ten years, I'm lucky enough to be successful, I think I'd be like Johan and quit at the top. In many ways I'm glad Cruyff has retired because it's sad to see great players going downhill.

The last time I saw Cruyff was at Villa Park in action for Barcelona in the U.E.F.A. Cup. He scored a superb goal and showed touches that no other player on earth possesses. He had a standing ovation from the Villa crowd when he left the field and they'll remember him for what they saw — a truly outstanding player.

Johan has no need to play on, financially, so good luck to him for retiring. Regarding myself, I'll really have to wait and see what the next ten years has in store for me.

Quite a few readers have asked

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

my why I changed my hair-style. As the picture shows, I've had a light perm, like many other players.

I wash my hair at least once, maybe twice a day, and drying it was always a problem, so I decided to have a "mini-frizz" and now it just dries naturally. I think the pacesetter for this hair-style was our reserve goalkeeper Jake Findlay

"Relaxing with my dog, Ben."



"Johan Cruyff's last game in England was against Villa."



who had it done around two years ago. He's even let his grow out now!

A few weeks ago I was on Granada T.V.'s show "Tiswas" and, as the main picture shows, I got in quite a state!

Again, a dozen or so readers have written in about this. For those who didn't see it, my pal Gordon Smith and Derby's David Nish and I were after the Phantom Flan-Flinger!

However, unknown to me, the producer and the others had decided to gang up on me! I was pelted with flans left, right and centre and ended up looking like a giant flan!

It was a great laugh and we all enjoyed ourselves. Mind you, I'm out for revenge . . . !

Scotland fan Brian McKewan, of Glasgow, says: "My favourite player is Derek Johnstone of Rangers, Britain's top goalscorer last season. Did you ever play against Derek when he was a defender?"

Yes I did, Brian, for Dundee United at Tannadice Park. If my memory serves me correctly, it was during my first season with United and the game ended 2-2.

In fact, Derek scored . . . unfortunately for him, it was an own-goal! We were having a good old battle and the ball came across . . . we both jumped for it . . . Derek got there first . . . and headed it past his own 'keeper. If it's any consolation to Derek, I'm sure had he not made contact, I'd have scored anyway!



"Gordon Cowans scored a lucky goal against West Brom last term."

"What is the luckiest goal you've ever scored?" asks Villa follower Jane Borbreck of Sutton Coldfield.

Offhand I can't think of a goal that was very lucky. Obviously I've had the odd mis-kick go in, but I'll never forget a goal against West Brom at Villa Park last season scored by young Gordon Cowans.

"Bender"

I was involved in the move THREE times and on each occasion I didn't do a thing right! Gordon Smith put me through, I tried a "bender" which instead of going for goal ended up with John Deehan. I started a run and completely missed a header from John's return. The ball ran to Brian Little, who gave it back to me and yet again I messed everything up, trying to slam the ball home. The ball ran to Gordon who scored. It was a real comedy goal. After not doing anything I'd tried to do, I'd been involved three times . . . and we still scored!

The last letter this week comes from Trevor Richardson of Chesterfield and Trevor wants to know if I've ever been a captain.

Not in professional football, Trevor. And what's more, I have no ambition to lead the side. The best position from which to captain the side is nearer the back . . . in defence or midfield.

You won't find many centre-forwards as skipper because they're in the wrong position to dictate play.

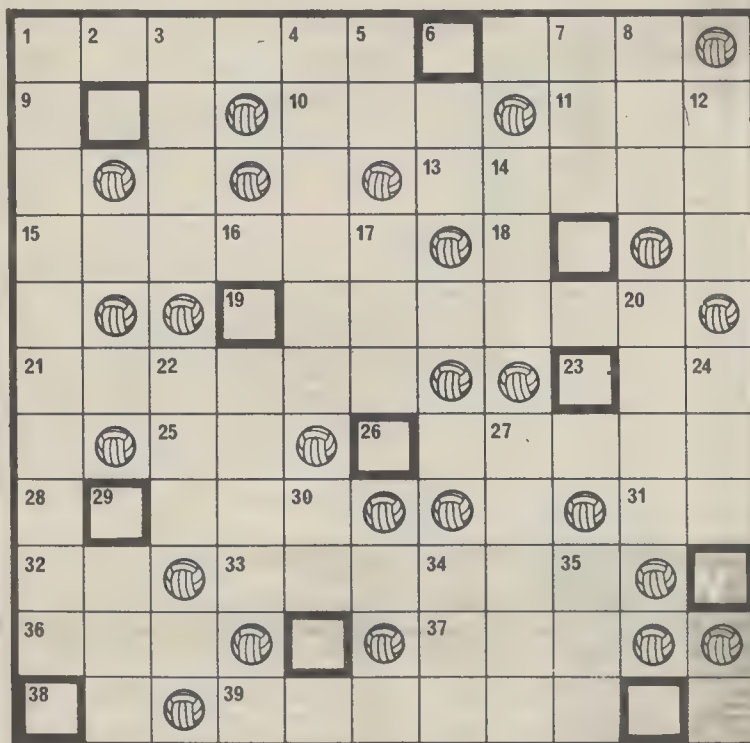
It doesn't bother me and in some ways all the players are captains on the field as everyone should make his presence felt.

See you again in two weeks,

Andy Green

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Arsenal defender. Answers on page 46.



ACROSS:—

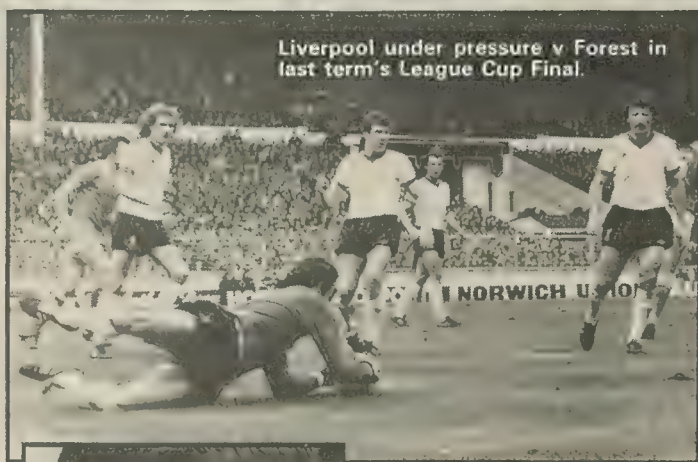
- (1) Ipswich Town 'keeper. (4 & 6)
- (9) Don M---on of Derby County.
- (10) Pat Holl--- of West Ham.
- (11) — Macari, Manchester United midfielder.
- (13) Hu---r-fi-ld Town (Eng. Div. 4). Legal documents from the omissions.
- (15) Joe —, Manchester United striker.
- (18) Br---all Lane, Sheffield United's ground.
- (19) Took up ----- a pose for the photographs for instance.
- (21) — Park, Cardiff City's ground.
- (23) Movement of the head which scores many a goal!
- (25) Ken Swa--- of Chelsea.
- (26) — Road Park, home of Hibernian.
- (28) Drive ----- the ball into the goal, for instance.
- (31) Alan Hud---n of Arsenal.
- (32) Mo-tr-se from Links Park.
- (33) Might be given from the linesman to the ref on a point of play.
- (36) — Meadow, ground of Shrewsbury Town.
- (37) Ian W---ac- of Coventry City.
- (38) — Andrews; Birmingham City's ground.
- (39) Ground of Preston North End.

DOWN:—

- (1) Arsenal goalkeeper. (3 & 8)
- (2) Alan W-l-h of Middlesbrough.
- (3) Stanho---mui-, from Ochilview Park.
- (4) Was in the six-country play-off from which Mexico qualified.
- (5) Jim McD---nagh (Bolton 'keeper)
- (6) Glenn H---le of Spurs.
- (7) Wo-v-rha-p-on Wa-d-r-rs. Substance from the omissions.
- (8) ---ney Marsh former Football League star.
- (12) Nat Loftho---, "Footballer of the Year", 1952/3.
- (14) Recr---ion Ground, Alloa.
- (16) Barry —, Spurs 'keeper.
- (17) ---ts Cou-ty play at M-adow Lane.
- (20) ---uth-n- United (Eng. Div. 3). Female animals from the missing letters.
- (22) Steve -erk--s (Q.P.R.) The omissions reversed.
- (24) Micky —, Chelsea defender.
- (27) Take five letters from Newcastle United to injure with hot liquid.
- (29) -e-d-wbank -histle. Ditch from the missing letters.
- (30) Dunferm--- Athletic. Scottish Division Two club.
- (34) Tan---dice -ark, ground of Dundee United.
- (35) Tommy Mc---n of Rangers.

CAN FOREST EXCEED LAST SEASON'S ACHIEVEMENTS?

Answered by four players with rival clubs



Liverpool under pressure v Forest in last term's League Cup Final.



'Hardest part is yet to come' —

EMLYN HUGHES
(Liverpool)

I OUGHT to know just how good Forest were last season, because we chased them long and hard enough in the League. And they stole the League Cup from under our very noses.

For my mind they were the best side in England, and they proved it. Overall, they fully deserved everything they got.

Now they've got to live with the 'top' tag they picked up. Not only that, people will be expecting them to progress, and improve on it.

We at Liverpool know all about the pressure that sort of thing can bring, because we've had our fair share of it over the past decade or so.

Mind you, I think Brian Clough's men are quite capable of coping with that kind of situation, too.

Their formula for success was simple, but very effective. They worked hard for each other, and rarely gave an inch at the back.

But when they did find themselves behind, they had the necessary character and skill to pick themselves up and come back.

Obviously teams are going to battle against them even harder than they did last season, because Forest will be the side

everyone will want to beat.

But equally, having tasted success — a double dose of it, in fact — the Forest lads will be out to at least repeat that, and obviously go one better if they can.

Success is like a drug, really. The more you have the more you want.

Brian Clough, I'm sure, is setting his sights on winning everything this time. The same attitude as he started out with last term.

No doubt he'll have his eye on the transfer market, too, looking for players he hopes will help him achieve that aim.

When the right man, or men, come along, he'll buy. The price, so long as he thinks it's fair, won't bother him.

But don't expect him to buy just for the sake of it, because that's a mug's game.

Obviously the European Cup is something he'd dearly like to see in his trophy cabinet. He's made that clear already.

And to capture that at their first attempt would be a tremendous achievement for Forest.

But there is the little matter of getting us out of the way first. And that, I can promise you, will be no easy task.

Wolves' Steve Dalay (right) and Ian Bowyer of Forest clash. The eventual League Champions won 3-2.



'Glittering prizes will elude them' **JOHN RICHARDS**
(Wolves)

AT the risk of upsetting an ever increasing band of Midlanders, I really can't see Nottingham Forest reaching quite the heights they scaled last season.

Don't get me wrong. I think they're a tremendous side, and if they perform as they did last season, they are bound to be up there, battling it out at the top of the First Division.

But this time I think the glittering prizes will elude them.

Last season, in the League, they started like an express train, and for months everyone kept telling us they'd eventually run out of steam.

But they didn't. And by the time the other sides had realised they meant business, it was too late. They'd built up a virtually unassailable lead, and more to the point, their confidence was sky high.

This season it'll be different. They're going to find other teams ready and waiting for them — and it'll be extremely tough, right from the kick-off.

They only just scraped up with us in 1977, remember. And quite frankly, I really didn't rate them very much as a side at that time. In fact, I could see them struggling in the bottom half of the table.

But what I, and as it turned out, everyone else, hadn't bargained for, was lads like Viv Anderson, Tony Woodcock and Martin O'Neill improving out of all proportion.

Whether they can step up yet another gear, because as top



dogs, that is what they'll have to do, we'll have to wait and see.

Mind you, Brian Clough has never been afraid to buy players, and if he feels certain positions need strengthening, to keep the club at the top, he'll go right out and do just that.

He's not a man to be content with becoming a passenger, when he's previously been in the driving seat himself.

I suppose the best indication of how well Forest have weathered the close season will come in their First Round games against Liverpool in the European Cup.

A real Battle Royal in the making. The irresistible force against the immovable object.

At this stage I can see both games finishing up as draws.

I certainly don't think we'll see a Forest-like performance from any of the newly-promoted clubs.

As I said, I really can't see Forest taking the Championship again. So my tip for that particular prize is either of the two Merseyside clubs, Liverpool or Everton.

'Not one-season wonders'

TREVOR CHERRY
(Leeds United)

Some people are ready to write off Nottingham Forest as one-season wonders.

A flash-in-the-pan side, who last season took the First Division by storm, but won't be able to repeat their success this term.

But that's certainly not the way I see it.

For a start, Brian Clough and Peter Taylor are definitely not the sort of men to rest on their laurels. They'll be out once again to win everything in sight.

It was a really tremendous achievement to take the League Championship, and the League Cup — two of the three trophies available to them — but I honestly feel they are good enough to exceed even that.

They're in the European Cup for the first time, of course, and clearly they couldn't have been saddled with a tougher First Round draw than having to play the current holders, Liverpool.

Bob Paisley's men are past-masters of the two-leg European tie. But it's got to be said Forest held somewhat of an Indian sign over them in the League Cup Final last season.

In both games, the Anfield club had the lion's share of the play. But in the end it was Forest who got the only goal and took the trophy.

So while neither side can be entirely happy about the draw, I'm sure the Forest lads are quietly confident. And once past that hurdle, I feel they'll be well on their way.

Of course, this season in the League they're bound to be the side everyone will be gunning for.

No doubt managers and coaches will be studying them



even closer than before, looking for chinks in their armour. But even if you think you've come up with the master plan, you've still got to be able to make it work where it matters, out there on the park.

That's where Brian Clough's men were so expert last time. I'm not saying they didn't have weaknesses. The point was, they played with so much confidence, they were able to cover up their shortcomings.

Their workrate was tremendous, and the way they applied themselves to the various situations they faced was first rate. That's the mark of a great side.

Mr. Clough's deals in the transfer market came up trumps for him, too, with Kenny Burns, Archie Gemmill and Peter Shilton all outstanding.

I wouldn't be at all surprised to see him adding some other new faces to the side, either.

He knows only the best will keep him at the top, and he's not afraid to go out and back his judgment of players with cold cash.

Can any of the newly-promoted sides emulate Forest? I don't think so. It's asking an awful lot of them.

No. My tips for the Championship — Leeds apart, of course, would be the old faithfuls, Liverpool, and the two Manchester clubs, United and City.

But I've just got to make Forest the Nap.

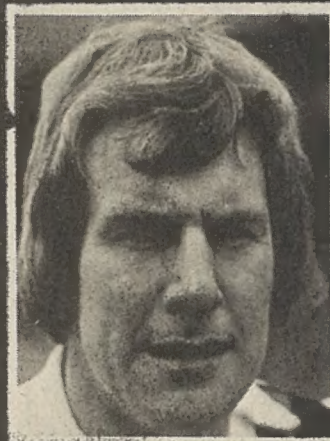


A 0-0 draw at Coventry secured the League Championship for Forest.

WAS one of Forest's biggest fans last season.

The way they played — fast, skilful football with players looking to go forward at every opportunity — and everyone willing to run and work for each other was a treat to watch.

They certainly won the League title on merit, and are quite capable of doing it again. Although I think Liverpool would argue they were lucky to take the League Cup! And I wouldn't dispute that. I couldn't spot a weakness in their make-up. Like all great sides of latter years, their suc-



Graeme Souness has added class to the Liverpool side.

'It'll take a real super-human effort'

JOE ROYLE (Bristol City)

cess was built on a solid defence.

And towards the end of the season, when they had to call up the reserve players, because of injuries to players being Cup-tied, they had experienced men like Frank Rost and John O'Hare come in and do a magnificent job.

My own experience, the by-word with success, and Forest certainly proved that.

In many ways, to me, Brian Clough appears to be shaping a similar sort of set-up to the one that Don Revie had at Leeds.

Built on different footballing ideas, of course. But one I feel will prove to be equally as effective and successful.

Having said that, though, I think it's going to take a real super-human effort for them to improve on last season. Don't forget, to do that they've got to carry off at least three trophies. And I can't quite see that happening for yet, anyway.

Besides, I expect them to be pushed all the way by Liverpool.

Once Graeme Souness settled in, towards the end of last season, the Anfield club began to play some terrific stuff. The best I've seen from them for several years, in fact.

And if I had to pick which of the two sides would come out on top, during the season, I'd just plump for Bob Paisley's men.

Their meeting in the European Cup should certainly give us a good guide-line. They'll be two games I'm determined to make every effort to see.

Mind you, the rumours keep circulating Brian Clough is ready to buy — and buy big.

He knows only too well what he'll have to do to stay at the top, and the success he's had in the transfer market, with players like Archie Gemmill, Kenny Burns and Peter Shilton shows just how shrewd he can be.

So, who knows, he might well have one or two tricks up his sleeve even now.

Forest's reputation will certainly go before them wherever they play. But if teams adopt a too cautious approach, and let Forest come at them, they'll be playing right into their hands, because the lads from the City Ground will rub their hands together, then destroy them.

Somewhat though, seeing as you're putting me on the spot, in terms of actually winning things, I think Forest are going to have to take a backward step.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. Rachid Harkouk (below, Crystal Palace), Bill Green (West Ham), Alan Ainscow (Blackpool) and Mike Doyle (Manchester City) were transferred during the close-season. Which joined (a) Birmingham City, (b) Peterborough United, (c) Queens Park Rangers and (d) Stoke City?



2. Which clubs contested the two-legged 1971-72 U.E.F.A. Cup Final?

3. Can you identify this famous First Division manager (right) who, as a player, starred for Aston Villa and Shrewsbury Town?

4. Last season Bill Rafferty played for Carlisle United and Wolves, and Paul Mariner was in action for Ipswich Town. They were once team-mates at which club?

5. Can you name the ten clubs that will play in next season's Scottish Premier Division?

6. George Graham has played for Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Aston Villa, Portsmouth, Chelsea and Manchester United during his career but not in that order ... can you rearrange them correctly?

7. If you support the Scottish club from Douglas Park this coming season — will you be following Hamilton Academical, Forfar Athletic or Queen's Park?

8. Did Wrexham's Les Cartwright win any full caps for Wales while with his former club Coventry City?

9. If Jeff Wood saved a penalty from Steve Taylor in a Second Division game ... which two clubs would be in opposition?

10. Was Norwich City manager John Bond a member of West Ham's F.A. Cup-winning side of 1963-64 when they beat Preston 3-2 at Wembley?

11. Kilmarnock have won the Scottish Championship on one, two or three occasions and the Scottish Cup two, three or four times?



12. Arsenal's Liam Brady (above) is a full international for which country?

13. Watford finished last season as Fourth Division Champions. Can you name the other three clubs who gained promotion with them?

14. True or false? Carlisle United, Plymouth Argyle and Hereford United were relegated from the Second to the Third Division at the end of the 1976-77 season?

15. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a Northern Ireland international and his Football League club ... SRHIC LLIHONC (UNAM-SOTOHTP).

ANSWERS:

1. (a) Ainscow, (b) Green, (c) Harkouk, (d) Doyle, 2. Tottenham and Wolves, 3. Everton's Gordon Lee, 4. Plymouth Argyle, 5. Aberdeen, Celtic, Dundee United, Hearts, Hibs, Morton, Motherwell, Partick, Rangers, St. Mirren, 5. Villa, Chelsea, Arsenal, Manchester Utd, Portsmouth, Palace, 7. Hamilton, 8. Yes, five caps, 9. Charlton Athletic v. Oldham, 10. Yes, 11. One and two, 12. Republic of Ireland, 13. Southend, Brentford and Swansea, 14. True, 15. Chris Nicholl (Southampton).

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Paul Cooper. (9) Ass. (10) And. (11) Lou. (13) Deeds. (15) Jordan. (18) Am. (19) Adopted. (21) Ninian. (23) Mod. (25) In. (26) Easter. (28) Impel. (31) So. (32) No. (33) Signal. (36) Gay. (37) Ale. (38) St. (39) Deepdale.

DOWN:— (1) Pat Jennings. (2) As. (3) User. (4) Canada. (5) On. (6) Odd. (7) Element. (8) Rod. (12) Use. (14) Eat. (16) Daines. (17) None. (20) Does. (22) Nip. (24) Droy. (27) Scald. (29) Most. (30) Line. (34) Nap. (35) Lea.

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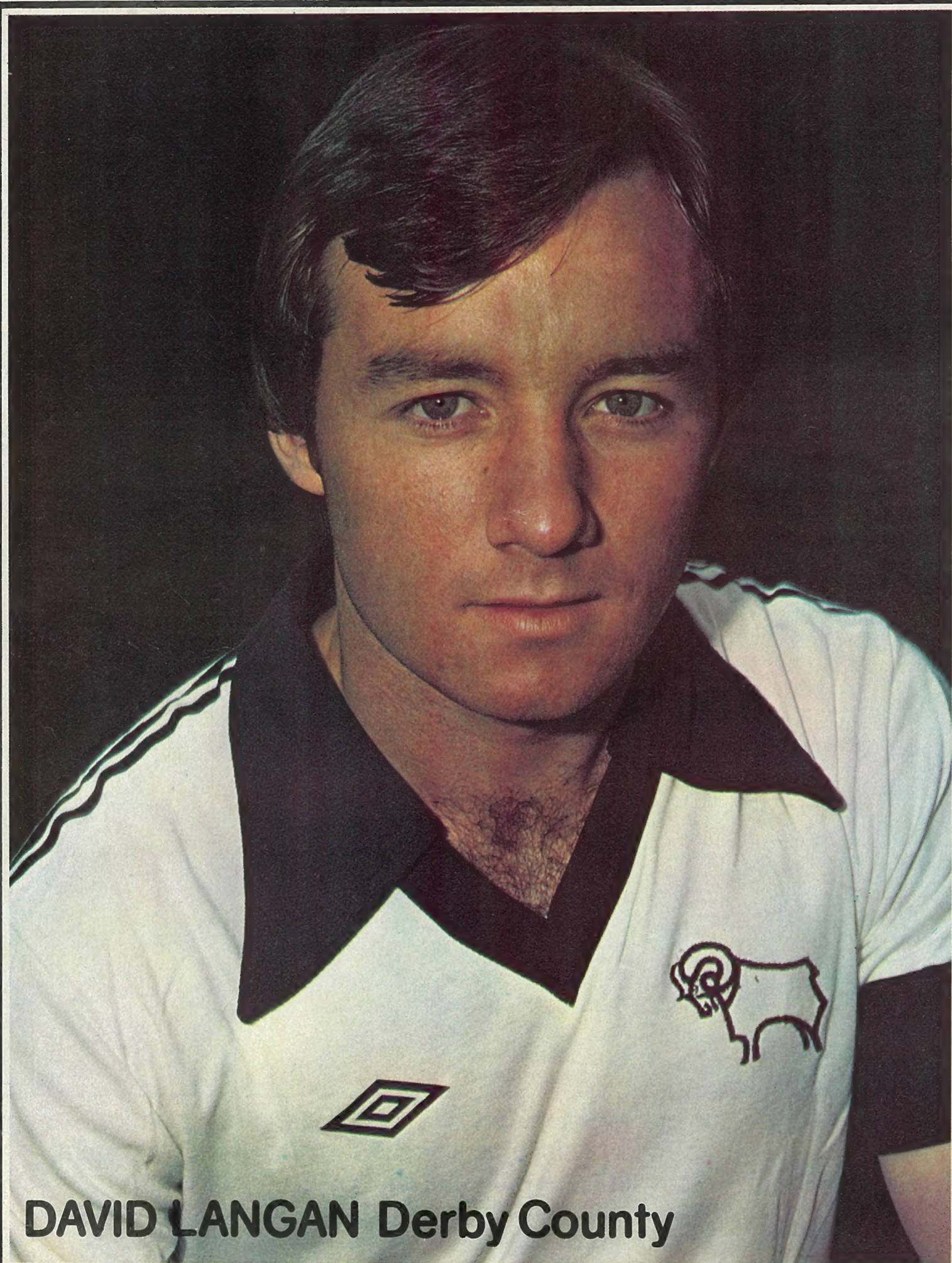
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